

WALK THE LINE



President Barack Obama, accompanied by Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper Terrance Gainer, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, as they move between meetings with Senate Democrats and Republicans on Syria. The president addressed the nation on Syria late Tuesday evening.

(AP Photo/Pablo Monsivais)

Obama speech blends threat of attack, hope of diplomacy

Decades before 9/11 attack, date marked one firefighter's death

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NEW YORK - Well before 2001, Sept. 11 was a painful date for the family of one New York City firefighter. His name was Daniel Sullivan, and that was the day he died in the line of duty, in 1954.

His death did not involve planes or terrorism, or even a fire. Instead, Sullivan died when he fell off his engine company's firetruck as it rushed to a car fire in Queens.

Once again on Wednesday, the 12th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center, the calendar turns to Sept. 11 for the families of the 343 firefighters who died at ground zero. Many of them are following a pattern that was long familiar to Sullivan's widow, Helena, who raised their three young daughters on her own in their one-bedroom apartment in Jackson Heights.

Almost as if to avenge his death, the family flourished over the years. His daughters bore him five grandchildren, who in turn bore him four great-grandchildren, including a girl born last month.

That makes a progeny of

12 - and a granddaughter, Kathryn Dunkelman, is four months pregnant.

"None of his grandchildren ever got to meet him, but we grew up knowing how he lived and died and being proud of that," Dunkelman, 33, said.

Offering words of hope and comfort to members of the 343 families to whom her family is connected by a quirk of the calendar, she said they "should know that I never met my grandfather and I still know about him - his legacy lives on in our memory."

Her extended family, she said, most of whom live in and around New York City, is planning a 60th anniversary commemoration of Sullivan's death next year at his old Engine 319 firehouse, a two-story building wedged between one- and two-family houses in Queens.

The rolls of firefighters has turned over several times since Sullivan's death, but even the younger members of his fire company know his name and how he died. There is a metal plaque just inside the door, alongside a photograph of him standing at attention, smiling and slim in his dress uniform. The plaque notes

that he was "admired and respected by all."

He was 48 when he died and in his 17th year on the job. He was standing on a step in the back of the firetruck, holding on to a metal handle overhead - standard practice at the

sponded on Sept. 11, 2001, to ground zero; its members all survived.) They had recently had lunch in the firehouse kitchen with the oldest of Sullivan's daughters, Eileen Sullivan.

"Most of them weren't even alive when my father died,

who has hanged around Engine 319 since he was 5. Some 20 years ago, firehouse officials discarded the 1954 firehouse journals, following Fire Department guidelines on keeping records. But Marra rescued them from the trash and saved them all these years. During Eileen Sullivan's visit, he gave her the account of the fatal accident.

Sullivan said she was a 12-year-old girl playing outside her building when her father's co-workers showed up in their uniforms asking for her mother.

"I knew right away, this is not good," she recalled, adding that she had the same feeling 47 years later while working in the Woolworth Building in downtown Manhattan and hearing the first plane, and then the second, hit the twin towers nearby. She was immediately aware that the day was Sept. 11.

"It was especially shattering to me that 343 fireman died that day - the date got more significant for me," said Sullivan, now 71 and living in Stuyvesant Town in Manhattan.

Dunkelman, who works as the communications director for a U.S. representative from Massachusetts, John Tierney, is a daughter of Daniel Sullivan's youngest daughter, Patricia Prael, and grew up in Jackson Heights. She called the Sept. 11 date "a terribly sad coincidence," but one that somehow had strengthened her family's ties to New York City.

As is true for Daniel Sullivan's family, Sept. 11 will remain an inescapably poignant calendar date for Marian Fontana, 47, of Staten Island.

Her husband, firefighter Dave Fontana, died at ground zero. But the date is not the way she wants to define her husband's memory.

She said seeing their son, Aidan, 17, grow up with many of his father's mannerisms and qualities had been bittersweet and somewhat healing.

"We're trying to keep his memory alive," she said, "not in the way he died but in the way he lived." □



The Engine 319 firehouse where Daniel Sullivan, a firefighter who died on Sept. 11, 1954 after falling off an engine during a call, served in the Queens borough of New York, Sept. 9, 2013. Kathryn Dunkelman, Sullivan's granddaughter, said extended family, most of whom live in and around New York City, are planning a 60th anniversary commemoration of Sullivan's death next year at his old Engine 319 firehouse.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

time - when the rig swerved to pass a parked truck and sent him tumbling to the street. He is the only member of that firehouse ever to die in the line of duty, several firefighters said as they gazed at the plaque on Monday. (The firehouse re-

but they knew he died on Sept. 11," said Eileen Sullivan, whose mother died in 1999. Sullivan learned more details of her father's service and death this week thanks to a neighbor of the firehouse, Doug Marra 59, a self-described fire buff

The Flag': In A Puzzle, A Clearer Look At 9/11

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A dozen years of distance expands the options for documentarians who want to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, but it requires insight and subtlety to take full advantage of the possibilities. "The Flag," an absorbing film by Michael Tucker and Petra Epperlein, being broadcast Wednesday night on CNN, has both of those qualities, making it as rewarding as it is thought-provoking.

The CNN film, based on a book by David Friend, focuses on the smudged American flag that three firefighters raised through the dust of the collapsed buildings at ground zero late in the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001. A photograph of the flag raising taken by Thomas E. Franklin

of the New Jersey newspaper The Record became a heartening, patriotic symbol for many on an otherwise awful day, and so did

so everyone thought. The firefighters had taken the flag from a yacht owned by Spiros E. Kopelakis and Shirley B. Dreifus



In an undated handout photo, a scene from "The Flag." The CNN film about Sept. 11 examines the mystery surrounding the flag raised by firefighters at ground zero.

(CNN Films via The New York Times)

the flag itself. It flew at Yankee Stadium and on battle-ships in the Middle East - or

that was moored nearby, but when the well-traveled cloth was returned to its

owners in 2002, they realized that it was a different size from the one that had flown on their yacht and therefore not the one that had flown at ground zero. Somewhere along the line, the flag had disappeared, and an impostor had taken its place. Trying to unravel the mystery is at the core of "The Flag," but if the film had settled for that, it might have seemed to be trivializing a tragedy. The filmmakers, though, use this search as a way to examine the need people - especially politicians - had to create narratives and symbols after the attacks. And they remind us that the emotions surrounding Sept. 11 were more complex than they are often made to seem in lesser documentaries.

Anecdotes and personal recollections tell this story. □

CBS News says almost gave up on Assad interview

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NEW YORK (AP) — CBS News had essentially given up its pursuit of Syrian President Bashar Assad for an interview because he would not agree to go on "60 Minutes," until Charlie Rose suggested airing it on the non-profit Public Broadcasting Service. CBS News Chairman Jeff Fager, who accompanied Rose to Damascus last weekend, said Assad and his team would not go on "60 Minutes" because they wanted to have a say how the interview would be edited, and CBS refused. Assad opted for a longer airing on PBS on Monday night.

The interview was a coup for Rose, who was pursuing it for CBS since last spring. It was the Syrian president's first TV interview with a U.S. outlet since he spoke to Barbara Walters of ABC News in December 2011, and came as President Barack Obama and Congress are considering a military response to Assad's purported use of chemical weapons in an attack against rebel forces.

"I've never received so much feedback for a single interview," Rose said Tuesday.

Rose, who is host of "CBS This Morning" in addition to his own PBS interview show, landed the interview with a promise that PBS would air the talk at the same length as an interview Rose had done with President Barack Obama this summer. That's how it played out, although the Assad talk was edited slightly for length.

"In the end, it was so important that it was great that we figured out a way around it," said Fager, also executive producer of "60 Minutes."

Assad got the format he wanted. But along with a time conflict with the U.S. Open, it may have cost him in terms of audience size. PBS aired the interview in prime time on most stations, bumping "Antiques Roadshow." □

Obama blends threat of attack, hope of diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama made his case for maintaining the threat of air strikes against Syria in a nationally televised speech Tuesday night even as fast-moving diplomatic developments offered the prospect that military action could be averted. The speech Obama delivered was different than the one that he had planned just days before. When first scheduled, it seemed to be a critical test of his presidency: whether he could persuade war-weary Americans and their representatives in Congress that last month's chemical weapons attack near

neva for talks Thursday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. Meanwhile, Congress, which had been expected to vote on authorizing the attacks soon after the speech, is now delaying action. In his speech and in a visit to Congress earlier in the day, Obama was making the case that despite the diplomatic developments, Congress needed to support a military strike. It was the same message delivered by other top officials. "For this diplomatic option to have a chance at succeeding, the threat of a U.S. military action, the credible, real threat of U.S. military action, must

be overly optimistic" about prospects for a solution at the U.N., said Sen. Richard Durbin, the second-ranking Senate Democrat, after Democratic senators held a luncheon meeting with the president. He quoted Obama as saying that even if a credible plan could be worked out, it could be difficult to push through the U.N. Security Council. The unpredictable chain of events stemmed from a chemical weapons attack in the Damascus suburbs on Aug. 21. U.S. officials say more than 1,400 died, including at least 400 children, and other victims suffered uncontrollable twitching, foaming

Kerry, Russian officials spoke favorably about requiring Syria to surrender control of its chemical weapons, and the Syrian foreign minister did likewise. The foreign minister, Walid al-Moallem, said Tuesday that his government was ready to turn over its chemical weapons stockpile in line with Russia's proposal in order "to thwart U.S. aggression." He also said Syria is prepared to implement a Russian proposal to put its chemical weapons arsenal under international control. Syria has never provided an accounting of the size of its stockpile, rarely referring in public to its existence. According to an



President Barack Obama walks along the West Wing Colonnade towards the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, before delivering his speech on Syria from the East Room in an address to the nation this evening.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

Damascus was so reprehensible, they should back his call for a military strike against President Bashar Assad's regime. But the situation is less clear now that Syria has said it would accept a Russian plan to turn over its chemical weapons stockpile. That has created uncertainty whether a diplomatic breakthrough was at hand or whether this was a ploy to prevent an American attack. Obama hurriedly dispatched his top diplomat, Secretary of State John Kerry, to Ge-

continue," Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said at a congressional hearing. At the same hearing, Kerry said any diplomacy "cannot be a process of delay. This cannot be a process of avoidance." He later added that any agreement must include binding consequences if Syria fails to comply, and lawmakers moved quickly to rewrite pending legislation along the same lines. That could be a source of conflict with Russia. Obama himself "wasn't

at the mouth and other symptoms typical of exposure to chemical weapons banned by international treaty. Other casualty estimates are lower, and Assad has said the attack was launched by rebels who have been fighting to drive him from power in a civil war that has so far claimed the lives of more than 100,000 civilians. Assad's patron, Russia, has blocked U.S. attempts to rally the Security Council behind a military strike. But Monday, after a remark by

unclassified estimate by the French government, it includes more than 1,000 tons of "chemical agents and precursor chemicals," including sulfur mustard, VX and sarin gas. Obama has said frequently he has the authority as commander in chief to order a military strike against Assad regardless of any vote in Congress, and he has consistently declined to say whether he would do so if lawmakers refuse to approve the legislation he is seeking. □

New York votes to replace billionaire mayor Bloomberg

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers on Tuesday began the process of replacing the billionaire mayor who has led their city for 12 years.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg took office shortly after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and continued the city's transformation as one where murders have dropped but the divide between rich and poor has grown.

The front-runner to replace Bloomberg, Bill de Blasio, has focused on that divide and promoted himself as the cleanest break with the current administration. If he gets more than 40 percent of the vote Tuesday, he would avoid a second election among the top two finishers in his political party Oct. 1.

In a Quinnipiac University poll released Monday, de Blasio was the choice of 39 percent of likely Democratic voters.

De Blasio's rise was unexpected. He placed his interracial family at the heart of his campaign.

"I liked what he said about the economic inequality in the city," said Norma Vavolizza, 65, who lives in the Bronx borough and works in marketing. "I think it's a serious issue that needs to be addressed."

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who is trying to become the city's first female and first openly gay mayor, led the polls for most of the year but has seen support disappear as her rivals linked her to the bitter debate to let Bloomberg run for a third term in



Mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio leaves a voting booth after casting his primary vote on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at the Park Slope Public Library in Brooklyn, N.Y. New Yorkers head to the polls Tuesday in a primary election that begins the process of replacing Michael Bloomberg, the billionaire mayor who has defined their city for 12 years.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

2009.

The city comptroller, John Liu, is trying to become the

city's first Asian-American mayor but has been hurt by a fundraising scandal.

Anthony Weiner jolted the race in May when he returned to politics after resigning from Congress in 2011 after sending lewd online messages to women who were not his wife, a well-known aide to former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Weiner led the polls for mayor for nearly a month — until it was revealed that he had continued to send the explicit messages after leaving office.

Republicans will look to continue an improbable winning streak. Though out-

numbered by Democrats in the city 6-to-1, the party has won the last five mayoral elections.

Scattered problems with the city's decades-old voting machines were reported to the Board of Elections. The machines were taken out of retirement to replace much-maligned electronic devices that jammed or broke.

In one Manhattan polling precinct, the machines weren't there at all but were later found. The city's telephone complaint line had received several thousand voting-related calls by early afternoon, according to officials.

US sells \$811 million in GM stock

DETROIT (AP) — The U.S. government is getting closer to selling all of its General Motors Co. stock.

The Treasury Department said in its August report to Congress that it sold \$811 million worth of GM common stock last month.

The report dated Tuesday says the government has recovered about \$35.4 billion of the \$49.5 billion bailout it gave the Detroit au-

tomaker. That means taxpayers are still \$14.1 billion in the hole.

When the government finally sells all of its shares, it will end a sad chapter in GM's history. The company nearly ran out of cash in 2008 and needed government money to survive a trip through bankruptcy reorganization. Since then GM has posted 14 straight profitable quarters.

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Campaigns push bring out voters in Colorado recall

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DENVER (AP) — Campaigns were working to get as many voters as possible to the polls in Colorado's first legislative recalls on Tuesday, elections that tested popular support for gun limits in a state with a strong tradition embracing constitutional gun rights. The powerful gun rights lobby National Rifle Association and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg lined up on opposite sides of the recalls for Senate President John Morse in Colorado Springs and Democrat Sen. Angela Giron in Pueblo. Both legislators voted for 15-round limits on ammunition magazines and for expanded background checks on private gun sales after the 2012 mass shootings in Aurora and in Newtown, Connecticut. The legislation passed Colorado's Democrat-led Legislature this year without any Republican support and was signed into law by Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper. Reported contributions to Morse and Giron totaled about \$3 million, dwarfing the amount raised by gun activists who petitioned for the recall, though some independent groups didn't have to report spending. Both the NRA and Bloomberg contributed more than \$300,000 to the pro- and anti-recall campaigns. Besides being the latest chapter in the national debate over gun rights, the recalls also exposed divisions between Colorado's growing urban and suburban areas and its rural towns. Dozens of elected county sheriffs have sued to block the gun laws and some activists are promoting a largely symbolic measure to secede from

the state. One of the Morse recall organizers, Timothy Knight, said supporters are upset that lawmakers limited debate on the gun legislation and seemed more inclined to take cues from the White House than their constituents. "If the people had been listened to, these recalls wouldn't be happening," Knight said. Republican turnout was stronger in early voting in Morse's district in El Paso County but Democrats narrowed the Republican advantage through mid-afternoon on election day. In Giron's district, Democrats have been outpacing Republicans at the polls. Both districts also have a significant number of unaffiliated voters and guns are not strictly partisan issue in the state. Hickenlooper initially rejected calls for stronger gun control laws after 12 people were killed and 70 injured in an Aurora movie theater in July 2012. The governor changed his mind right before the December 2012 Newtown massacre, in which a gunman killed 20 children and six women at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Hickenlooper kept a low profile in the recalls. A recent statewide poll by Quinnipiac University suggested that 52 percent of voters disapproved of Hickenlooper's gun policy while 35 percent approved. Morse said Colorado's gun laws were commonsense ideas to reduce fatalities in mass shootings. He was first elected to the Senate in 2006, defeating a Republican incumbent in a competitive district. His term expires in 2014, and he insists he wants no other political office.

Giron was first elected in



Colorado Senate President John Morse, D-Colorado Springs, talks to reporters before polls close in his legislative recall race in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013. Morse and Sen. Angela Giron, of Pueblo, who voted for new firearms restrictions in the state, are facing the first legislative recalls in state history. (AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

2010 in a heavily Democratic district. She oversaw the Senate committee that first approved the measure to require background

checks on most private and online gun sales. Giron also voted for the new 15-round limits on most ammunition magazines. □

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Documents: Officials misused US surveillance program

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

U.S. government officials for nearly three years accessed data on thousands of domestic phone numbers they shouldn't have and then misrepresented their actions to a secret spy court to reauthorize the government's surveillance program, documents released Tuesday show.

The government's explanation points to an enormous surveillance infrastructure with such incredible power that even the National Security Agency doesn't fully know how to properly use it: Officials told a judge in 2009 that the system is so large and complicated that "there was no single person who had a complete technical understanding" of it.

The documents, which the Obama administration was compelled to release as part of a lawsuit by a civil liberties group, show that National Security Agency analysts routinely exceeded their mission to track only phone numbers with



Photo shows the sign outside the National Security Agency (NSA) campus in Fort Meade, Md.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

reasonable connections to terrorism.

Officials said that the complexity of the computer system — and a misunderstanding of the laws, court orders and internal policies controlling analysts' actions — contributed to the abus-

es. There's no evidence that the NSA intentionally used its surveillance powers to spy on Americans for political purposes, a fear of many critics who recall the FBI's intrusive surveillance of civil rights leaders and protesters in the 1960s.

"The documents released today are a testament to the government's strong commitment to detecting, correcting and reporting mistakes that occur in implementing technologically complex intelligence collection activities, and to continually improving its oversight and compliance processes," said Director of National Intelligence James Clapper. "As demonstrated in these documents, once compliance incidents were discovered in the telephony metadata collection program, additional checks, balances and safeguards were developed to help prevent future instances of noncompliance."

The Obama administration had earlier conceded that

its surveillance program scooped up more domestic phone calls and emails than Congress or a court authorized. In a sweeping violation of court-imposed surveillance rules that went on daily between 2006 and 2009, the documents show the NSA tapped the bulk telephone records and compared them with thousands of others without "reasonable, articulable suspicion," the required legal standard. The NSA told the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court it misunderstood restrictions on accessing data once it was archived, but Judge Reggie B. Walton wrote in a March 2009 order that such an interpretation of the court's orders "strains credulity." □

Study: US could default as early as Oct. 18

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The United States could default on its obligations as early as Oct. 18 if Washington fails to agree on legislation to

raise the government's borrowing cap, a new study predicted Tuesday.

The Bipartisan Policy Center analysis says the default date would come no later than Nov. 5 and that the

government would quickly fall behind on its payments, including Social Security benefits and military pensions.

The think tank's estimate is in line with a warning last month by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew that the government would exhaust its borrowing authority by mid-October and be left with just \$50 billion cash on hand.

The government has never defaulted on its obligations. Raising the \$16.7 trillion borrowing cap promises to be a major struggle for House Republicans and President Barack Obama.

Two years ago Obama agreed to pair a \$2.1 trillion increase in the debt limit with an equivalent amount in spending cuts spread over 10 years.

But the president now says that he won't negotiate over the debt limit and is asking Congress to send

him a straightforward increase that would ensure the government can pay its bills.

In January, House Republicans permitted an increase in the debt ceiling without demanding offsetting spending cuts.

It's commonly agreed that failure to increase the debt limit on time would roil financial markets and lead to a downgrade of the government's credit rating. The political fallout would also be intense, especially if Social Security benefits are delayed. Social Security is the U.S. public pension system.

Tuesday's study predicts that if the default date — which is when the government cannot pay its bills in full and on time — comes on Oct. 18, the subsequent Social Security payments due on Nov. 1 could be delayed by almost two weeks. □

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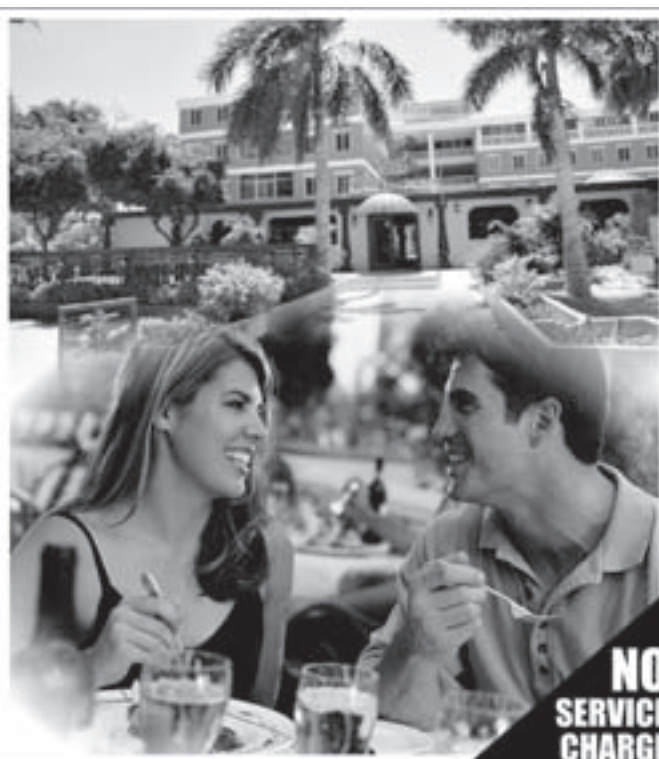
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Richest 1% of Americans earn biggest share since '20s

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gulf between the richest 1 percent and the rest of America is the widest it's been since the Roaring '20s.

The very wealthiest Americans earned more than 19 percent of the country's household income last year — their biggest share since 1928, the year before the stock market crash. And the top 10 percent captured a record 48.2 percent of total earnings last year.

U.S. income inequality has been growing for almost three decades. And it grew again last year, according to an analysis of Internal Revenue Service figures dating to 1913 by economists at the University of California, Berkeley, the Paris School of Economics and Oxford University.

One of them, Berkeley's Emmanuel Saez, said the incomes of the richest Americans surged last year in part because they cashed in stock holdings to avoid higher capital gains taxes that took effect in January.

In 2012, the incomes of the top 1 percent rose nearly 20 percent compared with a 1 percent increase for the remaining 99 percent. The richest Americans were hit hard by the financial crisis. Their incomes fell more than 36 percent in the Great Recession of 2007-09 as stock prices plummeted. Incomes for the bottom 99 percent fell just 11.6 percent, according to the analysis.

But since the recession officially ended in June 2009, the top 1 percent have enjoyed the benefits of rising



In this 1928 file photo, Actress Joan Crawford is seen dancing the Charleston in "Our Dancing Daughters" in Hollywood, Calif. A report released, September, 10, 2013, shows that the very wealthiest Americans earned more than 19 percent of the country's household income in 2012, their biggest share since 1928. And the top 10 percent captured a record 48.2 percent of total earnings last year.

(AP Photo/File)

corporate profits and stock prices: 95 percent of the income gains reported since 2009 have gone to the top 1 percent.

That compares with a 45 percent share for the top 1 percent in the economic expansion of the 1990s and a 65 percent share from the expansion that followed the 2001 recession.

The top 1 percent of American households had pretax income above \$394,000 last year. The top 10 percent had income exceeding \$114,000.

The income figures include wages, pension payments, dividends and capital gains from the sale of stocks and other assets. They do not include so-called transfer payments from government programs such as unemployment benefits and Social Security. □



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Assault on Christian town in Syria adds to fears over rebels

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BEIRUT - For Syrian rebels fighting in recent days around the ancient Christian town of Maaloula, any gains made in battle could be wiped out in the war of perceptions.

Their incursion into the town, led by extremist Islamists, reinforces the worst fears of Syrian Christians and could bolster President Bashar Assad's claims that he is the Christians' protector. It may also complicate President Barack Obama's task as he struggles to convince Americans that a military strike against Assad will not strengthen Islamic extremists.

Some of the rebels, apparently aware of their public relations problem, said in interviews that they meant Christians no harm.

They filmed themselves talking politely with nuns, instructing fighters not to harm civilians or churches and touring a monastery

that appeared mostly intact. They said they had withdrawn from most of the town, posted videos of shelling there by Assad's

forces and argued that the government had given the fight a sectarian cast by sending Christian militia-

men from Damascus to join

in. But the damage was already done. Most of the town's residents have fled, and Maaloula, one of the last places where Aramaic, the language of Jesus, is still spoken by Christians and some Muslims, has become a one-word argument against Western support for the rebels - at the worst possible time for Obama and the opponents of Assad.

Syrian-Americans lobbying against the proposed U.S. missile strike flooded congressional message boards with appeals for Maaloula. A common refrain was that Obama was throwing Syria's Christians "to the lions." It was a powerful accusation in a region where a decade of unrest and rising sectarianism, from Iraq to Egypt, has threatened and displaced large sectors of the Middle East's Christians, a population that had already shrunk significantly through emigration over the past century.

The situation in Maaloula underscores the core problems that bedevil the movement against Assad: the opposition, rooted in Syria's Sunni majority, has failed to win over enough Christians, who make up 8 to 10 percent of the population, or other religious minorities.

More than 450,000 Christians have fled their homes, church leaders say, during more than two years of war.

On the battlefield, well-armed radical Islamist groups, including foreign fighters, show little inclination to coordinate with local battalions, and sectarian killings and references to non-Muslims as infidels further intimidate Christians. □



Syrian government forces stand guard in Maaloula village, northeast of the capital Damascus, Syria. For Syrian rebels fighting in recent days around the ancient Christian town of Maaloula, any gains made in battle could be wiped out in the war of perceptions.

(AP Photo/SANA)

4 killed in second south China explosion in 2 days

BEIJING (AP) — Four people were killed and 14 injured Tuesday in the second deadly explosion to strike southern China in two days, police said.

The blast sent huge plumes of smoke pouring from a fire in a garage in an industrial park in the commercial hub of Guangzhou.

Police said the cause was under investigation, although media reports said it appeared to have originated with explosive materials being stored at the site.

The blast follows one Monday on a busy street outside a school in the southern resort city of Guilin that killed two people and injured 17, including 10 students.

That was believed to have been caused by the deto-

nation of explosive materials being transported

aboard a flatbed tricycle and city authorities or-

dered a safety crackdown in its wake. □



Firemen work at the site of an explosion that destroyed a warehouse in Baiyun district in Guangzhou in southern China's Guangdong province Tuesday Sept. 10, 2013.

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IRA suspect faces extradition to Northern Ireland: Official

SHAWN POGATCHNIK
Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — An Irish Republican Army suspect was arraigned in a Dublin court Tuesday to face possible extradition to Northern Ireland, where police want to charge him over a foiled 2007 mortar attack.

Police say undercover British soldiers were keeping a four-member Continuity IRA unit including Ryan McKenna under surveillance as the IRA splinter group transported a mortar near the Northern Ireland town of Lurgan. The horizontally fired weapon was designed to be used to blast a passing police armored vehicle at close range.

All four were arrested at the scene but released when police found no weaponry in an initial search of the car and immediate area. A week later and about a mile (1.5 kilometers) away, they found a mortar tube loaded with an armor-piercing shell hidden behind a hedge. By then, McKenna had fled across the border to the Republic of Ireland.

Police responding to a Northern Ireland extradition warrant arrested McKenna, 24, at his home in the western Irish village of Cross, County Mayo, on Monday night.

Dublin High Court Justice John Edwards ordered McKenna to be jailed Tuesday pending his next extradition hearing Friday.

The three others in the car, including McKenna's older brother Damien, were rearrested in Northern Ireland. All three pleaded guilty and received 15-year prison sentences in 2009.

Another McKenna brother, Daire, received a nine-year prison sentence in 2008 after police linked him and two other Continuity IRA members in Lurgan to two sheds containing 110 kilograms (240 pounds) of fertilizer-based explosive, a key component of IRA car bombs.

Lurgan, southwest of Belfast, is the primary power base of the Continuity IRA, a small anti-British paramilitary group that broke away in 1986 from the dominant faction, the Provisional IRA. The Continuity IRA and other splinter groups have continued to plot gun and bomb attacks in Northern Ireland in defiance of the Provisional IRA's 2005 decision to renounce violence and disarm.

The Provisional IRA killed nearly 1,800 people during a failed 1970-1997 campaign to force Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom. In 2007, weeks before the thwarted Lurgan mortar attack, former Provisionals from the Irish nationalist Sinn Fein party formed a power-sharing government with leaders of Northern Ireland's British Protestant majority. □



A protester wears a placard which reads, "Private/public retirement at age 100, no thanks", during a rally in Paris, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

Strike against French pension reform fizzles

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A nationwide strike in France against the government's plan to plug a 20 billion-euro hole in the country's pension system has elicited the equivalent of a Gallic shrug.

The strike called by four unions Tuesday against the Socialist government's proposed reform had almost no impact on traffic across France's rail, bus and subway systems.

That is in sharp contrast to the sometimes violent protests that erupted the last time a French government attempted to reform the retirement system.

Several thousand demonstrators marched in Paris and in 180 other towns and cities, but with some moderate unions declining to participate, mobilization withered.

The organizers, including far-left political parties, reject a reform they see as unfair.

"Forty-three years of work for our children, who start working at 25 or 27 years old. They won't retire until they're 68 years old! I really believe it is just unthinkable," said demonstrator Marie-Claude Lecouvreux from Paris.

The French plan would gradually extend the number of years employees

must pay contributions to claim a full pension, from 41 years now to 43 years in 2035.

The move is one way to force workers to delay their age of retirement.

People wishing to draw their pension from the minimum age of 62 need to have that qualifying period, otherwise the funds they get are reduced. By age 67, all French workers are allowed to draw a full pension.

The reform will go through parliament this fall.

In 2010, the previous pension reform raised the minimum retirement age from 60 to 62 and led to several mass protests. □



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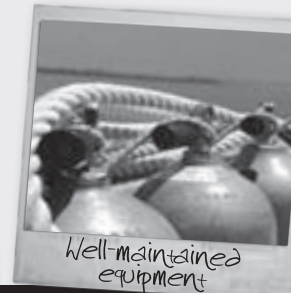


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Former Iran hostage crisis spokeswoman named VP

BY NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president has named as vice president a hardliner-turned-reformer who was spokeswoman for hostage-takers at the U.S. Embassy after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, an adviser said. The selection of Masoomeh Ebtekar as vice president for environmental affairs underscores how many staunch backers of the overthrow of Iran's Western-backed monarchy more than 30 years ago now side with moderates. Their stance includes the belief that the ruling clerics have become too oriented toward battling the West and need to adopt more international outreach in a globalized world. Such fig-

ures as opposition leaders Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mahdi Karroubi — both under house arrest since early 2011 — were strong supporters of the Islamic Revolution before pushing for reform. Ebtekar, 52 is fluent in English from her years living in the U.S. as a schoolgirl in Philadelphia and Massachusetts in 1963-69 when her father was studying in the United States. She was a main spokeswoman during the 444-day hostage standoff in Tehran, and was referred to as "Mary" by the foreign media. She made frequent appearances on American television as a translator for the hostage takers, who held a total of 52 captives until January 1981. She later



Masoomeh Ebtekar speaks in an interview with The Associated Press, in Tehran, Iran. Iran's official IRNA news agency is reporting President Hasan Rouhani has appointed Masoomeh Ebtekar as vice-president in charge of environment affairs.
(AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

married Mohammad Hashemi, one of the militant students reportedly involved in the hostage-taking. In interviews, Ebtekar has defended the embassy takeover in the context of the revolution's fervor

and Iran's historical grievances against Washington for backing a coup in 1953 that toppled a democratically elected government and reinstalled the pro-Western shah. She also dismissed as "superficial"

last year's American film "Argo," about a secret plan to rescue Americans who slipped out of the embassy compound after it was stormed. Ebtekar, who has a doctorate in immunology, was Iran's first woman vice president under reformist President Mohammad Khatami from 1997 to 2005. She later served on the Tehran Municipal Council and became a respected scholar in environmental studies. During her work on the city council, her comments opposing rules requiring women to wear the Islamic veil in Iran prompted hardliners to criticize her. Ebtekar herself wears a full, head-to-toe veil. A mother of two, she is the second woman on the panel of vice presidents picked by President Hasan Rouhani. □

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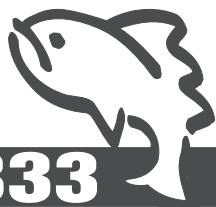


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Japan says it may inhabit disputed islands

MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan said Tuesday it is considering stationing government officials on disputed East China Sea islands to back its territorial claim. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said the permanent placing of officials on the currently uninhabited islands, controlled by Japan but also claimed by China, is a strategic option. "We consider it an option, and plan to study the possibility based on a strategic point of view," he told a news conference. "There is no room for compromise over our sovereignty." In Beijing, China's Foreign Ministry warned that such a move would not be tolerated. "If they do provoke, they must be prepared to take the consequences,"

ministry spokesman Hong Lei said. Stationing public servants on the islands was a campaign promise made by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's hawkish ruling party, which is also pushing to give Japan's military a more assertive role in international peacekeeping and in stepping up territorial defenses. Japan also summoned China's ambassador in Tokyo on Tuesday to lodge a protest after eight Chinese coast guard vessels entered waters near the islands, called Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China. The vessels' activities appeared to be part of a recent escalation of Chinese military and maritime activity ahead of the anniversary of the Japanese government's purchase of the islands, about 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles) southwest

of Tokyo, from their Japanese owner. Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera vowed to increase caution and surveillance in the area as the anniversary is marked Wednesday. Japan's purchase of the three main islands in the group one year ago escalated tensions between the countries, triggering violent anti-Japan protests in China and harming diplomatic and business ties. On Monday, Japan's Defense Ministry scrambled jets after an unmanned aircraft believed to be Chinese flew near the islands. There were no airspace violations. Japan's coast guard said there have been more than 200 intrusions by foreign vessels into Japanese-claimed waters near the islands in the past year. □

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Filipino rebels hold hostages as human shields in showdown

BULLIT MARQUEZ

Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) —

The Philippine government rushed more troops and police to the south of the country Tuesday as a standoff between about 200 Muslim rebels and government forces dragged on for a second day with no solution in sight. The rebels, enraged by a broken peace deal with the government, are holding scores of hostages as human shields near the port city of Zamboanga. Troops have surrounded the Moro National Liberation Front guerrillas and their hostages in four coastal villages. The rebels fired two mortar rounds near the main port Tuesday, prompting authorities to order vessels to dock elsewhere. Sporadic exchanges of fire continued

and some houses went up in flames in rebel-held villages, forcing more residents to flee.

Zamboanga was virtually shut down with most air flights and ferry services suspended. Communities near the clashes resembled a war zone with armored troop carriers lining streets, troops massing at a school, and snipers atop buildings. A mosque and its minaret were pockmarked with bullet holes. The MNLF rebel group signed a peace accord with the government in 1996, but hundreds of its fighters held on to their arms and have recently accused officials of reneging on a promise to develop an autonomous region for minority Muslims in the southern Mindanao region. They also felt left out after a breakaway faction engaged in successful peace



A government trooper takes his position as about 200 Muslim rebels, enraged by a broken peace deal with the Philippine government, held scores of hostages as human shields Tuesday Sept. 10, 2013 in a standoff with government forces for the second day at the southern port city of Zamboanga, in southern Philippines. (AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

talks with the government brokered by Malaysia. Last month, the MNLF issued new threats to secede by establishing its

own republic.

However, its leader, Nur Misuari, has not appeared in public or issued any statements since about

200 of his followers barged into Zamboanga city's coast early Monday and clashed with soldiers and police. □

Bacteria forced Puerto Rico intensive care unit closure

DANICA COTO

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) —

A Puerto Rican hospital's intensive care unit was recently closed following an outbreak of a resistant bacteria strain, health officials revealed Tuesday. At least 10 patients at the University of Puerto Rico Hospital in the northern city of Carolina who have since died were carrying the bacteria *Acinetobacter baumannii*, said Dr. Haydee Garcia, epidemiology director of the island's health department. She said eight of the patients did not die from the bacterial infection, but it's unclear whether the bacteria caused the deaths of the other two. The deaths occurred between May

and July and prompted Garcia to ask the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to investigate. "When this bacteria appears, it's a concern," she said. "It's not normal for humans to carry that bacteria." Garcia blamed the presence of the bacteria on poor hygiene, saying an investigation found that medical personnel were not following basic procedures such as frequently washing their hands. The bacteria usually occurs in intensive care units and is responsible for some 80 percent of reported infections, according to the CDC website. It is unclear how many deaths the bacteria might have caused in Puerto Rico compared to the U.S. mainland. □

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Carmakers upbeat at Frankfurt as market steadies

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Associated Press
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The world's auto manufacturers are moving on from turbulent times — without help from Europe's lagging car markets. Recovering auto sales in the United States and continuing strength in China have helped lighten the mood at this year's Frank-

this year or next.

"We're pretty confident that the slope is ending. We're not sure that the recovery is here," Renault-Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn said about the European market, adding that he anticipated some very small growth — between 1 and 2 percent — for the next few years.

Renault and other mass market carmakers have

one hand Europe which is a catastrophe, and the rest of the world where it looks much better," said Ferdinand Dudenhoeffer, professor of automotive economics at the university.

Germany's Daimler, Volkswagen and BMW are all making money thanks to sales outside Europe and are showing off new products with swagger and glitz

of crosstown rival Daimler, Dieter Zetsche, showed off his Mercedes brand's self-drive technology by riding into another exhibit hall in the back seat of a driverless car.

The car had made an autonomous cruise through several German towns to show off the new systems. Drivers who buy the new Mercedes S-Class will find that it forces them to put their hands back on the wheel after a few seconds. The company also unveiled a hybrid version of the S-Class, the luxury sedan.

Volkswagen showed off four new cars using electric propulsion: electric versions of its Up! and Golf compacts, and an Audi A3 and Porsche Panamera using hybrid drive, which combines electric motors and internal combustion engine to reduce emissions. One target of the show's marketing effort is western Europe's young people, many of whom have turned away from their parents' SUV's toward a mix of bicycles, car-sharing and public transport.

BMW opened the first press day Tuesday with a song shouting "we are young" and a presentation including footage of people tearing down the Berlin Wall. With hybrids and electrics only 0.2 percent of the market, analysts say that the prospects for sales and profits remain uncertain. They can help companies meet government requirements for lower average emissions — and position them to be ready if such vehicles take off.

Zetsche of Mercedes added that the only way to perfect the technology is to actually make cars on an industrial scale and sell them. □

Irish divisions rise on austerity budget scale

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Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Splits are emerging in Ireland's coalition government over the scale of the next round of budget-cutting, a core part of the country's bail-out deal.

Deputy Prime Minister Eamon Gilmore, who leads Ireland's left-wing Labour Party, declared Tuesday that Ireland should trim its planned 3.1 billion euros (\$4.1 billion) in tax hikes and spending cuts expected in the 2014 budget being published Oct. 15.

Gilmore's position clashes with the other government party, Fine Gael, and Ireland's key creditors: the European Union, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund. Negotiators from the so-called "troika" are expected to return to Dublin after next month's budget to agree on plans for Ireland's anticipated bailout exit in December, when the existing loans run out.

Ireland was forced to negotiate the three-year bailout after its bill to sustain six debt-crippled banks swelled to 64 billion euros and destroyed the state's own creditworthiness.

In 2011, the newly elected government of Prime Minister Enda Kenny agreed with its creditors to a series of budget targets through 2016 designed to reduce deficits below the EU limit of 3 percent of gross domestic product.

Finance Minister Michael Noonan backed up those commitments with specific budget-adjustment figures, including 3.1 billion euros for 2014. □



A hostess stands next to a Maserati Quattroporte during the first press day of the 65th Frankfurt Auto Show in Frankfurt, Germany, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013. More than 1,000 exhibitors will show their products to the public from Sept. 12 through Sept. 22, 2013.

(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

furt Auto Show, where automakers have set out to wow potential customers with electric and hybrid-drive vehicles and the latest technology.

Latest sales figures show the key U.S. market on pace for 16 million in sales this year, finally reaching the 2007 level from before the financial crisis and recession.

But the only good news out of the show's home market, Europe, is that sales appear to be halting their steep decline. Executives and analysts say no significant rebound is expected

especially struggled during Europe's decline, but Ghosn said they were buoyed by emerging markets and would continue to be.

Last year, new car registrations in the European Union were at their lowest level since 1995 at around 12 million cars, compared to 15.6 million in 2007. The Center for Automotive Research at the University of Essen-Duisburg estimates only 11.8 million this year, and a very slight recovery in 2014.

"In the car industry, we have two worlds, on the

at their home show.

Major themes at Frankfurt include electric and hybrid autos, often in higher performance and price categories, and new small SUVs, an increasingly popular category in Europe. Another frequent topic is autonomous driving — still a long way off due to legal and technical reasons but increasingly possible by equipping cars with cameras and computers.

At BMW's gigantic hall, its new i3 electric compacts glided silently around an elevated figure-eight track. The chief executive



Johnny Walker Whiskeys, Twister Café Create Exquisite Evening



ORANJESTAD – Twister Café hosted an intimate group of foodies for an evening of culinary excellence. Chef Linda Pool, her partner Annie and a very friendly and helpful staff served a four-course gourmet dinner over the weekend, while Romar Trading, importers of Johnny Walker Whiskey represented by Beto Wernet, offered a sensational pairing with the spectacular food. At the beginning of the

evening, famed bartender Blanca introduced JW Swing, which made its first appearance in 1932, as it was designed for transatlantic steamship voyages. The elegant bottle swings, and never tumbles on rough seas. It presented a perfect aperitif for an unforgettable evening. On the menu which was composed by Chef Linda, Duck Breast on mixed greens, with pecan nuts and JW Red Label vinai-



grette, paired with none-other-than JW Red Label. The soup, a Prawn Whiskey Bisque with corn foam, roasted tomato and fresh herbs was paired with JW Double Black. The Marinated Lamb Volcano with over roasted potato, truffle sauce and garden vegetables, was paired with JW Premium, and the Chocolate Truffle Cake, with raspberries, and vanilla sauce, was paired with JW Gold Reserve.

Chef Linda Pool lived up to her master reputation, and receive a round of applause from her guests, enjoying the world's greatest whiskeys in the cafe adjacent to the San Francisco church on Dominicanesstraat 10, in Oranjestad. Wernet on his part narrated the history of whiskey, and delivered interesting comments between courses and made everyone feel

perfectly at ease, exploring the Big Flavors represented by the iconic and familiar Striding Man.

The evening was a total success and patrons did not have to break the bank to afford it, as Twister's prices are always affordable. Long a favorite among locals, for a good game of billiard and a wonderful Dutch ambience, Twister's menu and hours were expanded, serving dinner Mon-Sat from 6-10.30 PM. During the last weekend of every month a culinary 5-course dinner is offered for a very attractive price. Sunday is especially reserved for non-smokers. Reservations for these evenings are recommended, they are popular and seating is limited. For information and reservations email twistercafe-aruba10@yahoo.com. □



Aruba Says "Masha Danki" to Group of Loyal Visitors



EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice group of guests as Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from home for their consecutive annual visits to Aruba. The honorees were John and Barbara Reboso of Mi-



randa, Caracas as Goodwill Ambassadors for 20 years, Freddy Jesus Irausquin of Miranda, Caracas as Goodwill Ambassador for 20 years, and Freddy and Dominga Irausquin of Miranda, Caracas as Goodwill Ambassador for 20 years. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-or-more years consecutive. The honored are

member of Aruba Beach Club and have enjoying visiting the island every year for the last 20 in a row! Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority and Kenia Brito conducted the ceremony at Aruba Beach Club. The top reasons for returning provided by the honorees were they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island", the great weather, the Friendly Aruban Hospitality, white sand beaches and the local food. □

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guests who visit Aruba for 10-or-more consecutive years. The recent honoring took place at the Radisson Resort and was presented by Marouska Heyliger, Aruba Tourism Authority Representative, together with the Staff of the Radisson Resort. □

EPI students prepare for Westin's Wine, Food & Art Festival

PALM BEACH – The students in EPI's culinary program have been hard at work in the kitchen preparing for the Student Chef Competition portion of the Westin's Wine, Food & Art Festival. This will be the eighth installment of the annual event that pairs great food, wine, and art in two events held this Thursday, September 12 and Friday, September 13.

Last year, the Student Chef Competition was well received and attended by several hundred guests. The open house format

allows festival attendees to sample gourmet noshes prepared by several teams of chefs, each with a professional chef mentor to provide guidance and expertise. Along with each team's culinary offerings, three of our local wine purveyors—Pepia Est., Romar Trading, and Tropical Bottling—will be offering complimentary wine tastings from their portfolios to enjoy with the food. Food for the competition is generously donated by Caribbean Overseas and Frasa. Tickets are \$45 per person,

including service charge & BBO, and will be available at the concierge desk at The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba, as well as at the Valero Gas Station in downtown Oranjestad just before the cruise ship terminal.

The festival's first event is this Thursday, offering a new concept to the festival—Aruba's Iron Chef and Iron Sommelier. Competing chefs are Scott Scheurman from Aqua Grill, Urvin Croes from White Modern Cuisine, and Erwin Husken from Screaming Eagle. Each chef will receive a "mystery basket" of four items with a pre-determined amount of time to prepare an appetizer, main course, and dessert. They will present their creations to a panel of judges who will have the privilege of selecting the first Iron Chef of Aruba.

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Chefs. Each course will be served with three different wines, which will be provided by Pepia Est., Romar Trading, and Tropical Bottling. >From these three wines, guests will be the judges selecting the first Iron Sommelier of Aruba.

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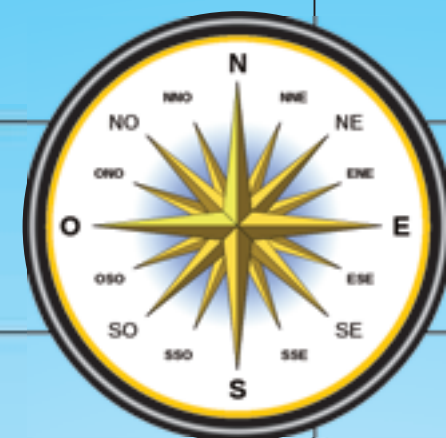
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Frenetic Eagles beat RG3, Redskins 33-27

JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) -- After Michael Vick kneeled down for the final time, having sapped the life out of the Robert Griffin III welcome back party, the exhausted Philadelphia Eagles offense exchanged the usual pleasantries with the even-more-spent Washington Redskins defense.

"The Redskins were like, 'Next time we play you guys, you need to slow it down a bit,'" Eagles center Jason Kelce said. Good luck with that. RG3 and the Redskins just couldn't keep up with Vick, LeSean McCoy and the frenetic offense unleashed by coach Chip Kelly on the NFL on Monday night. The Eagles crammed 53 plays into a 30-minute first half, took a 26-point lead in the third quarter and held on for a 33-27 upset of the defending NFC East champs. "You have great dreams and you have nightmares," said Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie, describing the first half. "That was a great dream."



Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III, bottom, is sacked by a Philadelphia Eagles defender during the second half of an NFL football game at FedEx Field, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in Landover, Md. The Eagles won 33-27.

Running the don't-take-a-breath attack that won 87 percent of the time during Kelly's four years at the University of Oregon, Vick completed 15 of 25 passes for 203 yards and two touchdowns, and he also ran nine times for 56 yards and a score. "I've never been a part of anything like it," Vick said. "When the first quarter was over, I thought we was about to go into halftime. It was unreal. The only thing I could tell myself was, 'It's going to be a long season.'"

Perhaps the most remarkable accomplishment by the Eagles: They managed to upstage Griffin. The game was played eight months to the day since the Redskins quarterback had major knee surgery, and his return was the culmination of a dedicated, high-profile rehab that included a public clash with Washington coach Mike Shanahan that barely put a dent in the fans' fervent adoration for their franchise player.

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Rafael Nadal, of Spain, bites the trophy while posing for photos after defeating Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, during the men's singles final of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in New York.

Associated Press

How a loss helped Rafa regain footing against Nole

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NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Nadal's victory over Novak Djokovic in the U.S. Open final was the record 37th installment of the top rivalry in tennis right now — and what is on its way to becoming the greatest in the sport's long history. So it was fascinating to hear Nadal reveal the deflating thought that crossed his mind before he faced Djokovic for the title at Flushing Meadows two

years ago.

"I was in the locker room," Nadal recalled, "and I was not convinced that I will have the chance to win." Turned out he was right to be pessimistic about that evening's eventual outcome.

At the time, Nadal was in the midst of losing seven consecutive meetings — along with the No. 1 ranking — to Djokovic. All of those matches came in finals, three at Grand Slam tournaments: Wimbledon

and the U.S. Open in 2011, and at the Australian Open in 2012.

Clearly, Djokovic held a strong mental and tactical edge back then.

Look where things stand between them now.

Nadal's 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 win Monday night, earning a second U.S. Open title and 13th major championship in all, made him 6-1 against Djokovic in their last seven encounters.

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Braves beat Marlins to snap 4-game slide

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MIAMI (AP) — Evan Gattis drove in two runs to highlight Atlanta's highest-scoring inning in more than a month as the Braves snapped a four-game slide by beating Miami 5-2 on Monday.

NL Capsules Justin Upton, Freddie Freeman and Gattis all doubled to lead off what became a five-run fourth, Atlanta's biggest inning since a five-run fifth against Philadelphia on Aug. 2. Kris Medlen (13-12) was the beneficiary that night against the Phillies and again on Monday, getting the win after allowing six hits and two runs in 6 1-3 innings.

Atlanta (86-57) passed idle Boston (87-58) for baseball's best record.

Chris Coghlan tied a career high with four hits for Miami, which lost for the 24th time in its last 34 games.

Ed Lucas added a two-run double in the seventh for the Marlins.



Atlanta Braves' Evan Gattis (24) hits a RBI double in the fourth inning to score Justin Upton and Freddie Freeman during a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in Miami. The Braves defeated the Marlins 5-2.

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Marlins starter Henderson Alvarez (3-4) gave up no hits in the first three innings, before Atlanta got to him in the fourth.

Craig Kimbrel worked the ninth for his 45th save in 48 tries. Atlanta has not lost

more than four straight at any point this season.

CUBS 2, REDS 0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Travis Wood beat Cincinnati for the first time in his career, repeatedly pitching out of threats for seven innings.

Wood (9-11) finally beat the team that traded him after the 2011 season.

He was 0-4 in his career, including three losses this season. He allowed six hits and fanned seven.

Kevin Gregg gave up a

double in the ninth while earning his 31st save in 35 chances.

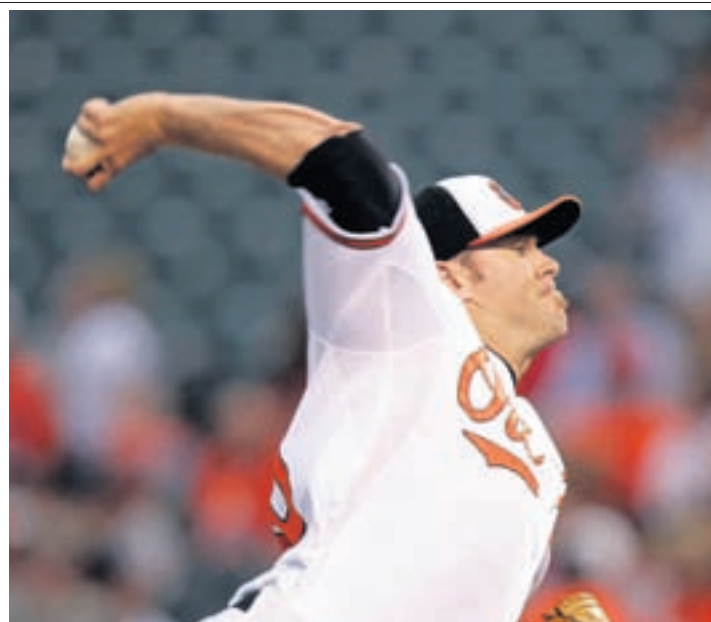
Ryan Sweeney and Luis Valbuena homered off Bronson Arroyo (13-11), who had won his last four starts against the Cubs. Arroyo allowed seven hits over seven innings, striking out six.

The Reds were coming off a week when they got six wins in seven games against St. Louis and the NL West-leading Dodgers.

Cincinnati is 13-4 against the Cubs this season. Overall, Cincinnati has won 12 of its last 15 and 22 of its last 27 against Chicago.

NATIONALS 9, METS 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Gio Gonzalez was inches from a no-hitter as Washington hit five home runs in the rout. In other NL games it was Atlanta 5, Miami 2; Chicago Cubs 2, Cincinnati 0; Washington 9, N.Y. Mets 0; Pittsburgh 1, Texas 0; L.A. Dodgers 8, Arizona 1; and San Francisco 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings. □



Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Chris Tillman delivers the ball to the New York Yankees during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in Baltimore.

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Chris Tillman took a three-hitter into the eighth inning and the Baltimore Orioles beat the New York Yankees 4-2 on Monday in a game that featured an on-field confrontation between the teams' managers.

AL Capsules With the victory, the Orioles moved within 1 1/2 games of idle Tampa Bay for the second AL wild card. The Yankees

fell three games behind Tampa Bay.

Tillman (16-5) allowed two runs and four hits in seven-plus innings.

He walked none and struck out nine, matching his career high.

Both dugouts emptied briefly after the first inning, when Orioles manager Buck Showalter angrily exchanged words with Joe Girardi after the Yankees

Tillman takes charge as Orioles beat Yankees 4-2

manager apparently said something to Baltimore third base coach Bobby Dickerson. Showalter had to be restrained by home plate umpire Ed Hickox. Alex Rodriguez hit his 652nd homer.

INDIANS 4, ROYALS 3

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ubaldo Jimenez struck out 10 in seven innings and Asdrubal Cabrera, Yan Gomes and Carlos Santana each hit solo homers, leading the Indians to a win over the Royals in a matchup between two teams in the thick of the AL wild-card chase.

The Indians, who won despite having only five hits, stayed even with Baltimore, 1 1/2 games back of Tampa Bay for the second wild-card spot. The Royals dropped to four games behind the Rays.

Jimenez (11-9) allowed one unearned run and didn't walk a batter. The right-

hander left with a 4-1 lead after throwing 99 pitches, but Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer off Cody Allen in the eighth.

Royals starter Ervin Santana (8-9) gave up the three homers.

TWINS 6, ANGELS 3

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Trevor Plouffe had two hits and drove in the tying and go-ahead runs as the Minnesota Twins snapped a 10-game home losing streak with a victory over the Angels. Plouffe's two-run, two-out double in the fifth inning tied the game 3-all, and his bases-loaded sacrifice fly off Cory Rasmus (0-1) in the seventh put the Twins ahead as the Twins won at home for the first time since Aug. 15, avoiding the longest home losing streak since the franchise started in Washington in 1901.

The home skid was the Twins' longest since moving

from Washington in 1961. The Senators lost 10 straight home games in 1957.

Casey Fien (4-2) earned the victory with a scoreless seventh.


WHITE SOX 5, TIGERS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Chris Sale gave up a run and four hits in eight innngs, denying Max Scherzer his 20th win, and Miguel Cabrera was ejected in the first inning as the White Sox beat the Tigers.

Sale (11-12) won for the fifth time in six decisions.

Scherzer (19-3) gave up five runs and six hits in four innings as he lost consecutive starts for the first time this season after Boston beat him Sept. 3.

In other AL games it was Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3; Baltimore 4, N.Y. Yankees 2; Minnesota 6, L.A. Angels 3; Pittsburgh 1, Texas 0; Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 1; and Houston 6, Seattle 4. □



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Texans rally from 21 down to stun Chargers 31-28

SAN DIEGO (AP) -- Even when the Houston Texans fell behind by three touchdowns on the road in the second half of their season opener, Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson remained confident they could roar right back.

Sure, the San Diego Chargers were off to a solid start for their new coach.

The veteran Texans know how to finish.

Randy Bullock kicked a 41-yard field goal as time expired, and Houston rallied from a 21-point deficit in the second half for a 31-28 victory over the Chargers on Monday night.

"Once you put a score on the board, then another, and the defense gets a stop, the big turnover, it just builds," said Schaub, who bounced back from an interception on Houston's first play to pass for 346 yards. "Momentum keeps building, and you can feel that energy, and it's contagious."



Houston Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson, right, breaks away from San Diego Chargers cornerback Derek Cox, during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in San Diego.

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Brian Cushing returned an interception 18 yards for the tying touchdown with 9:30 to play for the Texans, who erased a 28-7 deficit late in the third quarter to spoil the debut of Chargers coach Mike McCoy.

After two straight division titles and playoff trips, the

Texans have ample experience in handling trouble together. Schaub provided steady leadership, and their vaunted defense held San Diego to 90 yards - just 7 on the ground - in the second half.

"There was no doubt in my mind that we were go-

ing to win that game," said Johnson, who had 12 catches for 146 yards. "Even in the third quarter, we didn't come out playing that great, but we got it together and made it happen."

While the Chargers showed promise, the Texans began a season of Super Bowl aspirations with a gritty comeback befitting a defending two-time AFC South champion club that got off to an 11-1 start last season.

Schaub recovered from that tipped interception on the first play to throw three TD passes - two to tight end Owen Daniels - in the final game of the NFL's opening weekend.

Schaub's first pass was tipped into the air by Jarret Johnson, and 330-pound defensive tackle Cam Thomas gathered it in. The San Diego crowd was still cheering when Rivers threw down the Houston sideline to Mathews, who dived in for a score.

"We've just got to keep the pedal down," Mathews said. "You can see we can put up points, and our defense is looking great."

After Brown made a spectacular diving play for a touchdown with 26 seconds left in the first half, Rivers went right back to work after halftime, moving the Chargers 80 yards for a short scoring pass to Royal and a 28-7 lead. The Texans finally responded with a long drive capped by Garrett Graham's TD catch.

Houston got another boost early in the fourth quarter when Thomas got a 10-yard penalty during a field-goal attempt for unnecessary roughness against Houston's center, giving a first down to the Texans on a new rule for this season. Daniels caught his second TD pass on the next play from 9 yards on the next snap, cutting San Diego's lead to seven points with 14:44 to play. □

Frenetic Eagles

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Griffin was the undisputed star of the show - at least until kickoff. He arrived at the stadium wearing an autographed T-shirt from Les Dauphins de Nice, the American football team in France that welcomed him for a workout during his honeymoon in July. When he threw warm-up passes at the 45-yard line, three camera crews were at the 40. He led a team huddle at the 10, just 5 yards from the spot where his knee gave out in January. He was greeted by baseball legend Tommy Lasorda on the sideline, then made a spectacle of an entrance when the starting lineups were announced, carry-

ing the Redskins flag all the way to the end zone for an extended kneel-down for all to see.

That's the sort of attention that Vick once commanded. And, when the game began, Vick was the better quarterback. At 33, he's 10 years older than Griffin and had to fight for his starting job in training camp, but he's still got game. It would have been a bigger rout if Vick's lateral on first-and-goal at the 4 hadn't been tipped by linebacker Ryan Kerrigan and returned 75 yards for a Redskins touchdown.

Meanwhile, the masses didn't get much of a chance to chant "R-G-3!" - because the Redskins offense couldn't stay on the field. Their first seven plays:



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson celebrates his touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md., Monday, Sept. 9, 2013.

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lost fumble by Alfred Morris, 3-yard loss by Morris, pen-

alty for illegal shift, screen to Morris that got back some yards, interception thrown by Griffin into triple coverage, pass dropped by fullback Darrel Young, safety that occurred when Morris bobbled a pitch in the end zone. The Redskins were trailing 33-7 late in the third quarter before three consecutive touchdowns - the last coming with 1:14 to play - made the score more respectable.

Wearing a brace on his right knee, Griffin completed 30 of 49 passes for 329 yards, but 169 yards came in the fourth after the Eagles had taken control. He was also intercepted twice - the first multi-interception game of his career. He ran only five times for 24 yards. Washington didn't run a

play in Philadelphia territory until the second half. At one point, the Eagles were outgaining the Redskins 146-3. Even Kai Forbath, who made 17 of 18 field goals in his rookie year, was wide right in the third quarter. Shanahan's team also committed 10 penalties for 75 yards.

"Had a serious case of the can't-get-rights," Griffin said. "Penalties, hurting ourselves. I don't throw picks, Alfred doesn't fumble, and Kai doesn't miss field goals. All three of those happened tonight. So we'll get better, no doubt." There was a moment in the second quarter when the weary Redskins defense had more cramps (two) than their offense had first downs (one). □

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Kiwis win America's Cup Race 5 in a runaway

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Emirates Team New Zealand beat defending champion Oracle Team USA so soundly in Race 5 of the America's Cup on Tuesday that Larry Ellison's syndicate had to postpone Race 6.

The New Zealanders took advantage of a tactical mistake by Oracle Team USA to win in a runaway on San Francisco Bay, finishing 1 minute, 5 seconds ahead of the American boat.

The Kiwis crushed the momentum Oracle gained with its heart-stopping win in Race 4 on Sunday.

Not long before the scheduled start of Race 6, Oracle Team USA radioed in to the race committee that it was playing its one postponement card of the regatta.

Skipper Jimmy Spithill hopped onto a chase boat

and conferred with syndicate CEO Russell Coutts, who won the first two of his four America's Cups as skipper of Team New Zealand in 1995 and 2000.

Spithill got back on his 72-foot catamaran and said the team, owned by software billionaire Ellison of Oracle Corp., needed a breather.

"We have to go back and regroup," Spithill said. "We feel they've got a bit of an edge on us at the moment, especially upwind. So we're going to play the card, strategically, and hopefully improve in time for the next race."

It could be a disturbing development, considering that Oracle Team USA practiced its upwind sailing and tacking on Monday, an off day, while the Kiwis chose to stay ashore.

Wednesday is an off day. Races 6 and 7 are sched-

uled for Thursday.

Team New Zealand leads 4 to minus-1 and needs five more wins to claim the oldest trophy in international sports for the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

Oracle was docked two points by an international jury and wing sail trimmer Dirk de Ridder was booted from the regatta in the biggest cheating scandal in the 162-year history of the America's Cup. It needs 10 wins to keep the Auld Mug. Oracle Team USA led on the first two legs Tuesday and then called for a foiling tack, a radical, quick turn around the downwind mark. Something went wrong and the boat practically came to a stop, costing it almost all of its 150-meter lead.

Skipper Dean Barker steered Team New Zealand into the cone of Alcatraz, which offers protec-



The crew on Emirates Team New Zealand wave to cheering spectators after winning the fifth race of the America's Cup sailing event against Oracle Team USA Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, in San Francisco. Emirates Team New Zealand won the race. At right is skipper Dean Barker.

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tion from the flood tide as the boats sailed upwind toward the Golden Gate Bridge. By the time the 72-foot catamarans had passed Alcatraz, the Kiwis were in the lead. Their advantage was more than 300 meters halfway up the leg.

Besides being hurt by mistakes, Oracle Team USA continues to struggle upwind against the faster New Zealand boat.

Once Barker took control, the Kiwis sailed higher and faster against the wind. Oracle had no chance to catch up. □

Rafa Regain

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It also raised Nadal's lead in the head-to-head series to 22-15 and made him 8-3 in their matchups at Grand Slam tournaments.

So what changed?

According to Nadal, a lot has to do with that four-set loss to Djokovic in New York in 2011.

After dropping the first two sets, Nadal won the third in a tiebreaker.

"A very important moment for me," Nadal explained. "I was able to change that situation, to fight more than (I had) in the previous matches against him, and (see) a way for me to play. ... Run for every point. Fight, fight for every ball. And play aggressive. And that's what I did in the third set."

He's gone back and watched video of that match.

"Amazing points in that set. Very long rallies. (You can't) hear the ball, because the crowd is crazy in a lot of points. So that means that was very high quality," Nadal said.

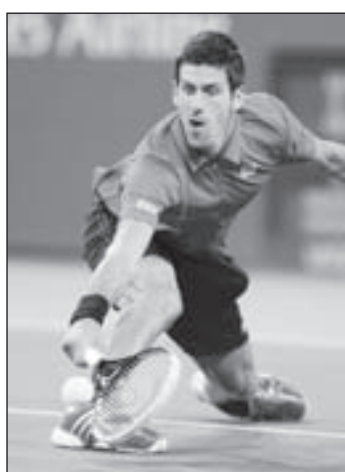
As well as he played, he realized, Djokovic was better then.

"I had to wait a little bit ... (for him to) lose confidence or lose something in his game," Nadal said.

Their next match was the Australian Open final in January 2012, and Djokovic won that one, too.

Except this time, they played five sets stretched over nearly six hours, making it the longest Grand Slam title match in history.

It was a defeat but, Nadal said Monday, "I finished that match in Australia very



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, returns a shot to Rafael Nadal, of Spain, during the men's singles final of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, in New York.

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happy, because another time I was able to change the dynamic."

The next time they played, about three months later in the final at Monte Carlo,

Nadal won in straight sets. He was back on the right path, knowing that one key for him was to play closer to the baseline and look to attack more when possible.

"After that victory, mentally, you feel more confident when you come back on court against him," Nadal said.

Part of what makes their rivalry special is the ability to spur each other. Nadal was better at the start of their careers.

Djokovic did what he needed to do to edge ahead. Then Nadal regained the upper hand. Together, they have won 12 of the past 15 major titles.

In the Open era, which began in 1968, no two men have played each other as many times as this pair. Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe are next with 36; Nadal and Roger Federer have 31

meetings.

"You just feel that there is the last drop of energy that you need to use in order to win the point. Sometimes I was winning those points; sometimes him," Djokovic said.

"It's what we do when we play against each other, always pushing each other to the limit. That's the beauty of our matches and our rivalry, I guess, in the end."

Both are terrific serve returners. Both cover every inch of the court. Both force opponents to hit shot after shot after shot, which is why they wind up playing points that can last more than 50 strokes, as happened Monday. Both can switch from defense to offense with a twist of the wrist.

"Between Novak and me, every point is fighting, every point is (a) long rally, every point is more strategy. □

Health and Beauty from an ancient fruit

By: Dr. Carlos Viana



When you write a book, you have to send it to the Library of Congress for them to give you the official "Subject Headings". After reviewing my latest book, the Library announced that besides, the subject healings of Holistic Medicine, Alternative Medicine and Self-help techniques, they were assigning a brand-new heading- "Inflammation—Alternative treatment." The Library stated that they recognized in the future that the subject 'inflammation' was going to be a major topic in the future of today's health. My book describes and offers natural solutions for lowering inflammation as well as other health problems including inner and outer signs of premature aging.

Whether due to exercise, an accident, or infection, the body responds with inflammation. Affected parts of the body can be painful, hot, red and swollen because blood vessels in that area enlarge to bring in extra white blood cells. White blood cells are part of our body's defense or immune system and eat bad bacteria and other foreign particles.

Bacteria, virus, pollen, mold, pesticides, toxic heavy metals, the wrong foods for your metabolic type, processed foods, and lack of water can also cause the immune system to respond with inflammation. After a healthy immune system cleans the problem, the swelling is supposed to go down as the body returns to health. However, if any of the causes of inflammation continue to bombard the body for a long time, the swelling becomes chronic and grows throughout the body. Chronic inflammation has been linked to every type of degenera-

tive condition like diabetes and cancer. A person with blood test results showing ongoing inflammation may be at high risk for a heart attack or stroke. As for looking good, inflammation also contributes to premature aging.

In my medical protocol, Biocompatible Medicine, which I describe in my book, Prescriptions from Paradise, Introduction to Biocompatible Medicine, the 1st Step to good health is to "ID"(Identify & Detoxify) the problem. I "Identify" the problem by evaluating my patients not only with standard medical tests, but also cutting edge scientific analysis as well as Traditional Chinese Medicine techniques, like checking the eyes, skin, tongue and pulse for energy imbalances. The second part of "I-D" is "Detoxify." When recommending ways to detoxify poisons or stress from the body, we eliminate the source of those poisons as much as possible, then use the most naturally compatible, non-toxic ways to lower inflammation. Natural therapies such as acupuncture, colon hydro-therapy, soaking in the ocean, lifestyle and dietary changes are some of the options.

Step 2, of my "3 Step's to Health" is to "Give the body the right stuff", this can include, acupuncture; which can not only detox, but also promote sleep, relieve pain and energize the body depending on the treatment, counseling or education, exercise, and a healthy diet which includes dietary supplements. One well known supplement that has been found to dramatically reduce inflammation and that most people are deficient in today is antioxidant, Omega-3. Supplementing

with Flax oil or Omega fish oils is more important than ever. Lecithin is good oil I consider basic especially for protecting the brain. But not all Omega oil supplements are created equally. Make sure you use only high quality fish oils certified to be free of toxins like Mercury. If you live in hot climates, like the Caribbean, store your oils in the refrigerator and out of the light.

Another, less known antioxidant which I was introduced to during my Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) herbology class in China was the extract of the lychee fruit. The lychee tree or "Litchi" is native to southern China, Taiwan and Southeast Asia. Symbol of romance, love and beauty in ancient China and throughout Asia, the lychee fruit has provided an extract that has been shown in clinical studies to lower inflammation and rejuvenate the skin. We now know the famous beauties of Ancient China ate an abundance of fresh lychee fruit.

Lychee fruit contains vitamin C, phosphorus, and potassium, and a potent antioxidant that has proven beneficial for a number of health conditions. This antioxidant is a polyphenol. Polyphenols are found in foods, like honey, beans, blackberries, blueberries, pomegranate, cherries, cranberries, grapes, pears, raspberries, strawberries, broccoli, cabbage, celery, onion and parsley. My favorite source is red wine, chocolate, white tea, green tea, olive oil, and bee pollen. The most studied polyphenol compound from lychee fruit is called Oligonol. Clinical studies with Oligonol have demonstrated benefits for skin health by improving blood flow protecting it from damage caused by UV light

and free radicals. Especially important for those of us who live in sunny climates, but even cloudy skies can produce damaging UV rays. Research has shown that supplementation with Oligonol reduces wrinkles, especially those around the eyes, freckles and skin spots caused by overexposure to sun light.

Studies have also shown that Oligonol helps improve blood flow to the fingers and toes helping with chronic cold feet and hands. Other studies have revealed improved cardiovascular function, where the arteries, that circulate your blood, have been improved.

If you worry about weight, the fat we don't see around our organs is more dangerous to your health than the fat we see under our skin. In hospital studies, volunteers that had pre-diabetes were supplemented with Oligonol and showed significant decreases in the normal skin fat and the more dangerous fat around the organs. The beauty benefit? There was also a significant reduction of waist size.

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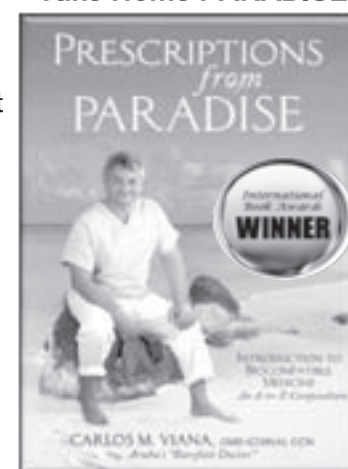
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Apple introduces 2 new iPhone models

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CUPERTINO, California (AP)

— For the first time since introducing the device that changed cellphones forever, Apple will offer two distinct versions of the latest iPhones — a cheaper one made of plastic and another that aims to be “the gold standard of smartphones” and reads your fingerprint. Apple unveiled the latest iPhone models, available on Sept. 20, during an event at its Cupertino, California, headquarters. The move comes as the company tries to fend off Samsung and other competitors that want to challenge Apple in the competitive smartphone market. The lower-cost iPhone 5C is expected to help boost sales in China and other areas where people don’t have as much money to spend on new gadgets as they do in the U.S. and Europe.

Research firm Gartner Inc. estimates that Apple had a 14.4 percent share of the world’s smartphone market in the second quarter of this year, No. 2 behind Samsung’s 31.7 percent.

The lower-cost iPhone 5C will be available in five colors — green, blue, yellow, pink and white. CEO Tim Cook calls it “more fun and colorful” than any other iPhone. The 5C has a 4-inch (10-centimeter) Retina display and is powered by

Apple’s A6 chip. It also has an 8 megapixel camera, live photo filters and a rear cover that lights up.

The iPhone 5C will cost \$99 for a 16 gigabyte model and \$199 for a 32 gigabyte model with a two-year wireless contract.

Jefferies analyst Peter Misek called the phones “lovely,” but said in a note to investors that the \$99 minimum price for the 5C is “is higher than expected and still leaves Apple with a product gap in the low-end.” Without a contract, the 5C costs \$549 and \$649 depending on memory size.

The second phone, the 5S, is “the most forward-looking phone we have ever created,” said Phil Schiller, senior vice president of worldwide marketing at Apple. It will come in silver, gold and “space gray” and run a new chip, the A7 that is up to twice as fast as the A6.

Schiller said the new phone can run more health and fitness applications. These apps have become increasingly popular as more people use them to track exercise routines, calorie intake and even sleep patterns.

The camera in the 5S received some major upgrades, including several automatic features designed to produce better photos. It has a larger pixel

els and a larger aperture, which helps capture more light. The phone also has a “true-tone” flash feature that is designed not to clash with the colors in the room or a person’s skin color — something Schiller said has not been done on a phone before.

The camera, called iSight, has “auto image stabilization,” which helps avoid blurry pictures, and a slow-motion camera for video. A “burst mode” can take 10 frames per second as long as you hold your finger on the shutter, then find the best one in your camera roll.

The 5S also includes “Touch ID,” which reads fingerprints at a “detailed level,” Schiller said. He said it is “fun and easy” to teach the 5S about your fingerprint and once you do, you can just touch the home button to unlock the phone. The company said fingerprints will not be stored on its servers.

Tying the fingerprint scanner to payments could also open new revenue channels for Apple.

Both models will be on sale on Sept. 20 in the U.S., Australia, China, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Singapore and U.K. Apple said this is the first time that a new phone has been available right away in China — a sign of the growing importance of that market



Phil Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, speaks on stage during the introduction of the new iPhone 5s in Cupertino, Calif., Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013.

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to the company. People will be able to order the 5C in advance on Friday, but not the 5S.

For buyers entering a two-year contract with a wireless carrier, the phone will cost \$199 for 16 gigabytes of memory, \$299 for 32 and \$399 for 64.

Apple also said its next mobile operating system, iOS 7, will be available as a free download on Sept. 18.

Craig Federighi, head of software at Apple Inc., said that “downloading iOS 7 is like getting an all new de-

vice.”

The new system can be downloaded on the iPhone 4 and later models, as well as on the tablets beginning with the iPad 2.

Apple also said that it expects to ship its 700 millionth iOS device next month. Apple CEO Tim Cook predicts that iOS 7 will become the most popular mobile operating system in the world. Investors seemed unimpressed. Apple’s stock price fell \$11.60, or 2.3 percent to close Tuesday’s trading at \$494.58. □

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Stocks rise on Dow shakeup, ease in Syria tensions

JOSHUA FREED
AP Business Writer

Stocks rose and oil prices fell Tuesday as the risk that the U.S. would attack Syria appeared to fade.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index had its sixth straight gain, the longest winning streak since July.

Stocks set new highs in early August, but worries over Syria have pushed them lower since then. Even though Syria isn't a big oil producer, the possibility of a wider conflict in the region drove oil prices to two-year highs last week.

On Tuesday, investors were relieved that Syria accepted a proposal to put its chemical weapons under international control for dismantling. The possibility that the crisis between the U.S. and Syria might be solved peacefully was a factor in the stock market's gain on Monday, too.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 127.94 points, or 0.9 percent, to close 15,191.06. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.28 points, or 0.73 percent, to 1,683.99 and the Nasdaq composite rose 22.84 points, or 0.62 percent, to 3,729.02.

Crude oil, which closed above \$110 a barrel on Friday, lost \$2.13, almost 2 percent, to close at

\$107.39 a barrel.

All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose. The biggest gains were in financial and industrial stocks.

Despite the recent gains for stocks, Ralph Fogel of Fogel Neale Partners thinks it's about time for

a pullback in the market. He noted that it's close to the five-year anniversary of the financial crisis, and the Dow has more than doubled since then.

The years since the crisis brought "almost a straight-up market without a 15

percent correction. That's a pretty neat move," he said. "That doesn't mean you have to have one, but the probability starts to get higher and higher."

"The next significant move isn't up 20" percent, he said. "It's down 20."

Scott Wren, a senior equity strategist for Wells Fargo Advisors in St. Louis, said investors are still nervous.

"A lot of our clients are sitting on too much cash and are kind of paranoid of the market," he said. He expects stock prices to be volatile over the next few months because of the debate over the U.S. debt ceiling as well as elections in Germany.

The Dow average got a shakeup on Tuesday. It's dropping Bank of America, Hewlett-Packard and Alcoa, to be replaced by Goldman Sachs, Nike, and Visa at the start of trading on Sept. 23. The Dow is made up of 30 stocks.

S&P Dow Jones Indices said the change won't disrupt the level of the industrial average. It said it made the change to diversify the sector and industry group representation of the index.

Hewlett-Packard fell 9 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$22.27. Alcoa was roughly flat and Bank of America rose 13 cents, or almost 1 percent, to \$14.61.

Visa rose \$6.04, or 3.4 percent, to \$184.50; Nike rose \$1.42, or 2.2 percent, to \$66.82, and Goldman Sachs rose \$5.65, or 3.5 percent, to \$165.14.

In other notable moves:

— Apple dropped \$11.53, or 2.3 percent, to \$494.60 after investors were underwhelmed by its new iPhone lineup.

— Microsoft rose 73 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$32.39 on rumors about who might be its next CEO when Steve Ballmer retires next year.

— Urban Outfitters fell \$4.36, or 10 percent, to \$38.35 after saying its third-quarter sales increases are weaker than earlier in the year.

Traders sold safe-play assets as the threat of a strike on Syria faded. Gold fell \$22.70, or 1.9 percent, to \$1,364 an ounce, and the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.97 percent from 2.91 percent. The dollar strengthened to 100.33 Japanese yen, and fell slightly against the euro. □



The Dow Jones industrial average announced Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, it will drop Bank of America, Hewlett-Packard and Alcoa, its three lowest-priced stocks, and replace them with Goldman Sachs, Nike, and Visa. (AP Photo)

McDonald's key revenue metric rises in August

OAK BROOK, Illinois (AP)

— McDonald's Corp. said Tuesday that a key revenue figure rose 1.9 percent in August, driven by a strong performance in Europe. Its Monopoly promotion in the United States helped lift its performance there. The world's biggest hamburger chain reported the gain in revenue at restaurants open at least 13 months for the period ended Aug. 31. That includes a 3.3 percent increase in Europe, a 0.2 percent rise in the U.S. and a 0.5 percent decline in Asia Pacific.

This figure is a key gauge of a restaurant operator's health because it excludes results from restaurants recently opened or closed. The monthly sales figure is

a snapshot of the money spent on food at company-owned and franchised locations and does not reflect corporate revenue.

While the metric improved for McDonald's in August, it was slower growth than the 3.7 percent increase in the prior-year period. But it was faster growth than the 0.7 percent increase in July.

The company, based in Oak Brook, Illinois, is trying to navigate a variety of challenges and has already said it expects the rest of this year to be challenging. To start, McDonald's is facing intensifying competition from long-time rivals Burger King and Wendy's, which have been revamping their menus and stepping up marketing.

In addition, McDonald's is trying to keep up with changing tastes by offering items people feel are fresher or healthier, such as its new chicken wraps and egg white breakfast sandwiches. But the chain has also been aggressively promoting its Dollar Menu and other deals at a time when it says people are being more careful about spending. And it said Tuesday it has begun offering steak as an option for all breakfast sandwiches, including the McMuffin and biscuit or bagel breakfast sandwiches. The "steak on any" option has been rolling out to 9,600 McDonald's restaurants in August and September.

Analysts have expressed

concern that the latter strategy could eat into profit margins. But last week, the chain said it was exploring a revamped Dollar Menu that includes items costing as much as \$5 that could go national this year. McDonald's, which has more than 34,000 locations globally, is also trying to remind people of longtime favorites and has been featuring its Big Mac in TV and online ads. It also recently expanded its lineup of Quarter Pounders, saying it wanted to capitalize on the popularity of the burger. The 3.3 percent increase in Europe of revenue at restaurants open at least 13 months was led by the U.K., France and Russia. □

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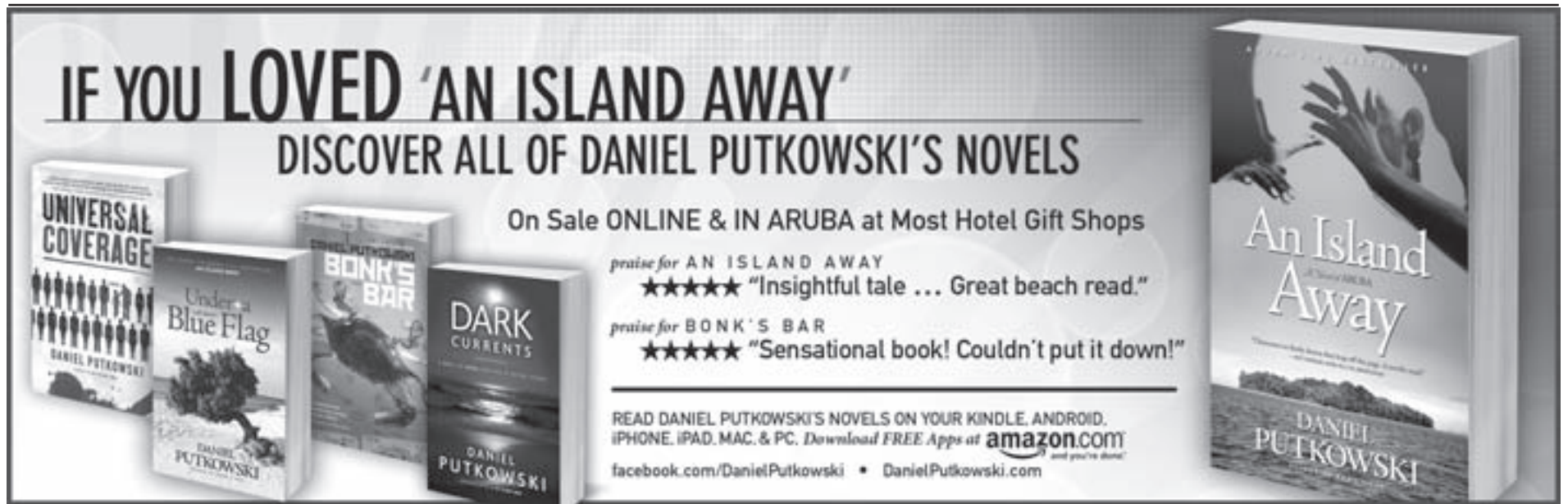
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Twitter will buy MoPub ad company

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twitter says it is buying MoPub, a mobile-focused advertising company, as it works to expand its advertising reach ahead of an expected initial public offering that could come as soon as this year.

San Francisco-based Twitter Inc. did not give a purchase price. MoPub says that Twitter will invest in its core business and the company plans to continue to build its tools and technology.

Twitter says it plans to use MoPub's technology to build real-time bidding into its advertising platform. The process lets advertisers buy online ads in real time. Twitter says the technology will make it easier for its advertisers to automate their ad buying process.

Time Inc. to buy Amex Publishing

NEW YORK (AP) — Time Inc. says it has agreed to buy the publishing business of American Express Co., which includes magazines such as "Food & Wine" and "Travel + Leisure." Financial terms were not disclosed.

Time says it expects the acquisition of American Express Publishing Corp. to close in the last three months of this year. □

US employers posted fewer jobs, but hired more

C. S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers advertised fewer jobs in July but hired more workers, a mixed sign that suggests only modest improvement in the job market. Job openings fell 180,000 in July to 3.7 million, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That's down from 3.9 million the previous month, which was revised lower.

Overall hiring increased to 4.4 million, up from 4.3 million in June and 4.17 million a year ago. Still, hiring has fluctuated in recent months is below the 5 million pace before the recession.

Layoffs dropped 1.5 million, the lowest level on records

dating back to 2001.

The latest data on job openings and turnover in the workforce reaffirmed the painfully slow but steady progress taking place over the past three years. The economy is adding jobs. But much of the improvement has come from a drop in layoffs — not rapid hiring.

Employers added 169,000 net jobs in August, and many fewer than previously thought in July and June, the government said Friday. The unemployment rate fell to 7.3 percent, but only because more people gave up looking for work. The government doesn't count someone as unemployed unless they are ac-

tively looking for work.

Last week's figures reflect net job gains, which is total hiring minus the number of people who were laid off, quit or retired.

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover report, released Tuesday, shows overall hiring levels as well as job openings, layoffs and quits. It provides greater detail than the monthly employment report.

Fewer jobs have made it harder for the unemployed to find work. For example, in July there were 3.1 unemployed people competing for each open job. In a healthy economy the ratio is 2 to 1.

Job openings fell in nearly all industries, including con-

struction, retail, health care and government. They rose in manufacturing and hotels and restaurants.

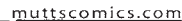
Slightly more people quit their jobs, a positive sign that they are more confident in the job market. Most people quit when they have a new job or believe they will be able to find one. The number of people quitting rose to 63,000 to 2.27 million in July. Still, in a strong economy 2.5 million to 3 million workers quit their jobs every month. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Vice Chair Janet Yellen have both said that they are monitoring the job openings report for signs that hiring is improving in a sustainable way. □



Job seekers check out companies at a job fair in Miami Lakes, Fla. U.S. employers advertised fewer jobs in July but hired more workers, a mixed sign that suggests only modest improvement in the job market. Job openings fell 180,000 in July to 3.7 million, the Labor Department said Tuesday.

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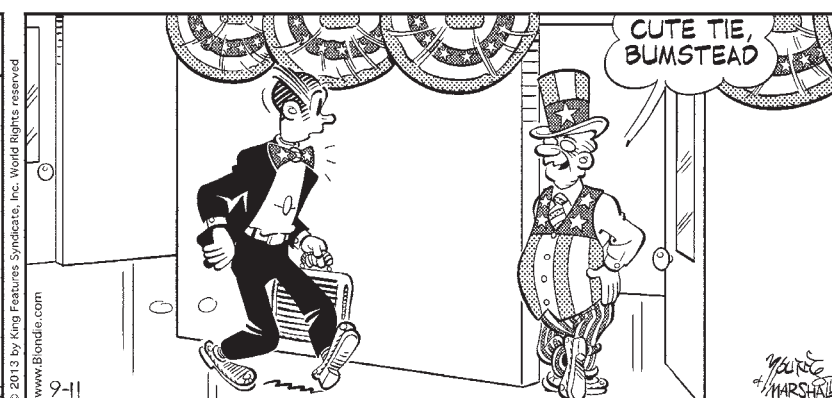
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Documentary brings together 20 presidential chiefs

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The only man to hold both jobs says in a Discovery documentary that airs Wednesday that the White House chief of staff generally has more power than the vice president.

"I was speaking from an historical perspective," Dick Cheney is quick to clarify in an interview. Cheney, chief of staff under President Gerald Ford, was widely perceived as an involved and influential vice president under George W. Bush.

Discovery's film, "The Presidents' Gatekeepers," airs for two hours each on Wednesday and Thursday. Dozens of little-known stories about historical events big and small are told while outlining the duties of the appointed official most responsible for seeing whether a president's agenda succeeds or fails. Joshua Bolten and Rahm Emanuel discuss the terrorist threat that kept them in the White House situation room as Barack Obama was inaugurated to replace Bush. Assistant chief Larry Higby reveals that the voice-activated tape recorder that led to Richard Nixon's downfall was installed because the president was too clumsy to figure out a manual one. Lyndon Johnson's fear that he wouldn't survive a second term because of his health was a big factor in his decision not to run in 1968, Marvin Watson explains; Johnson died two days after a second term would have ended.

All 20 of the presidential aides sought for interviews agreed to participate, along with former presidents Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush, said filmmaker Jules Naudet, who made the documentary with his brother Gedeon and executive producer Chris Whipple.

They enlisted former Ford aide David Hume Kennerly to win the cooperation of Cheney, who sat for



This July 17, 2012 file photo shows former Vice President Dick Cheney at Capitol to meet with Senate Republican leaders at a political strategy luncheon, in Washington.

Associated Press

seven hours of interviews, and his one-time boss Donald Rumsfeld. When former Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush aide James Baker, considered the "gold standard" of modern chiefs, became the third interview, the rest fell into place.

"The chiefs love the fact that for the first time, it's about them and not about their presidents," Naudet said.

To a man, they agreed it

was a meat grinder of a job, with constant pressure and endless hours. The typical chief lasts less than two years. It's miserable to go through, Emanuel concludes, but every chief would do it again if asked. Before being brought down like his boss in Watergate, H.R. Haldeman set the modern standard for a strong, centralized authority at the White House, said Cheney, a low-level Nixon aide then in his 20s. □

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Study: Natives most affected by Amazon mercury

CARLA SALAZAR
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A study of mercury contamination from rampant informal gold mining in Peru's Amazon says indigenous people who get their protein mostly from fish are the most affected, particularly their children.

The new research detailed Monday by the Carnegie Institution for Science found mercury levels above acceptable limits in 76.5 percent of the people living in the Madre de Dios region, both rural and urban populations.

"Most of the communities that had the highest concentrations of mercury were native communities," said Luis E. Fernandez, the project director.

The people in those communities had mercury levels, based on hair samples, more than five times maximum acceptable levels and 2.3 times greater than those in non-indigenous



This Nov. 2011 file photo, shows members of the Mashco-Piro tribe, photographed at an undisclosed location near the Manu National Park in southeastern Peru. More than 100 Mashco-Piro appeared across a river from the remote community of Monte Salvado in Madre de Dios state, says Klaus Quicque the president of the regional FENAMAD indigenous federation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2013. The Mashco-Piro first appeared in May 2011 after more than two decades in voluntary isolation

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communities, he said. Fernandez said indigenous children had three times more mercury in their bodies than children from non-native communities, who tended to live in more urban settings where they also obtained protein from chicken and beef.

Children are at far greater risk than adults from poisoning by mercury, a potent neurotoxin that can cause brain and central nervous system damage.

"They are 10 times more sensitive to the effects of mercury," Fernandez said in a phone interview after presenting the findings to Peru's Environment Ministry. The study by the Stanford, California-based institution examined a rainforest region of great biodiversity that includes natives living in voluntary isolation and where Peru's government has struggled in vain to control informal mining.

Researchers sampled hair from 1,029 people in 24

communities beginning last year.

A quarter of the subjects work in the region's wildcat alluvial gold mining industry, where an estimated 35 metric tons a year of mercury is used to bind together gold flecks.

The mercury is then burned off and enters the environment.

Fernandez said the explanation for greater mercury contamination among indigenous populations is their consumption of fish. His group's study of fish in the region found 60 percent of species contained unacceptable levels of mercury.

Peruvian authorities recently extended until August 2014 a deadline that was to have expired this month for the estimated 40,000 miners in the region to formalize their claims or leave. Official efforts until now to halt illegal mining have been stymied by violent protests. □

Solar boat reaches Paris after crossing Atlantic

GREG KELLER
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The world's largest solar-powered boat has docked on the banks of the Seine River, its final port of call after a three-month voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to study how the Gulf Stream and climate change could influence each other.

The 102-foot-long (31-meter-long) Turanor PlanetSolar catamaran looks like one of Darth Vader's TIE Fighters turned on its side. Starting from Miami in June, University of Geneva scientists sailed up the eastern seaboard of the United States, then across the Atlantic,

taking water and air measurements that should allow them to better understand the complex interaction between the ocean and the atmosphere.

The scientists focused on aerosols, fine particles emitted at the ocean's



The Turanor PlanetSolar, the world's largest solar boat, travels on the Seine river in Sevres, outside Paris, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013.

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surface that can influence climate, said Martin Beniston the expedition's chief climatologist and head of the University of Geneva's Institute for Environmental Sciences.

"Our first surprise when we started looking at the data is the quantity of the aerosols that are actually injected into the atmosphere by

the ocean, which means we might have underestimated the climatic role of the oceans via aerosols," Beniston said.

The \$20 million PlanetSolar's deck is covered with photovoltaic panels that charge a gigantic lithium ion battery.

The vessel can last on battery power for up to four days if there's no sun. □

Israeli archaeologist finds ancient treasure trove



Ancient coins are shown during a press conference at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013.

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli archaeologist says she has uncovered a rare trove of ancient coins and medallions near Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

Eilat Mazar of Jerusalem's Hebrew University says among the finds are jewelry and a gold medallion with the Jewish menorah symbol etched into it. Other findings include items with additional Jewish symbols such as a ram's horn and a Torah scroll.

Mazar said Monday the objects can be dated to the seventh century. She said the treasure was discovered in a ruined Byzantine public structure a mere 50 meters (yards) from the southern wall of the hilltop compound revered by Jews as the Temple Mount — where the two biblical Jewish Temples once stood. The site is also considered holy by Muslims who call it the Haram as-Sharif, or Noble Sanctuary. □

Ex-'Jersey Shore' star opens up about addiction

ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former "Jersey Shore" cast member Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino realized he had an addiction problem on a trip to Australia in February 2012. He ran out of a prescription to treat an injury suffered during a 2010 stint on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars."

"All I had to do was get dressed for a family function and I couldn't do that," Sorrentino said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press. "The shirt was laid out, the belt, the pants, everything. The shower was on. I couldn't even get out of bed," he said. Then he thought, "If I can't do that how am I going to continue?"

There were rumors at the time that he was battling an addiction to drugs or alcohol, but Sorrentino maintains that wasn't the case and says "those ru-

mors were definitely false. I didn't mix anything."

Soon after he checked into rehab where doctors prescribed him with a medication to treat opioid addiction. Sorrentino still takes it daily and says that, combined with counseling, is what works best for him. The 32-year-old is now a paid spokesman for Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the company that makes the medication he's taking. He's also helped launch a program called Reset Reality, to spread knowledge and understanding of opioid prescription painkiller addictions. The road to figuring out he had a problem wasn't so easy. Looking back, there were people, like his family, who recognized before he did that something wasn't right.

For one, he stopped working out as much which was out of character. Also, he recalls, "People would say,

'Mike's not the same Mike we've seen before.'" He would respond, "I don't know what they're talking about" or chalk it up to someone not liking him or the show, but now says, "I was suffering a disease." After completing rehab, Sorrentino still had one more season to film of "Jersey Shore."

"A little part of me was like, 'How am I gonna get through this?' but if you watched I didn't have one drink." The show aired its final episode last December. Since then Sorrentino has "gotten back to who Michael is."

The focus is on fitness, family, cooking and he says he also has a girlfriend.

He tries to look at life in 24-hour increments and his goal is to be "the best person I can be for those 24 hours." Sorrentino also has plans to return to showbiz and hopes to have career announcements soon, but



Reality television star from the MTV Series "Jersey Shore," Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino poses for a portrait, on Monday, Sept. 9, 2013 in New York
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says staying healthy is his main focus and he's proud of that.

"The roller coaster of fame and fortune is definitely a

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Billy Crystal _ from Sha Na Na to Yankee Stadium

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NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Crystal remembers a show in Baltimore, around 1975, when he opened for the '50s revival act Sha Na Na. He was an unknown comic at the time, an unknown who happened to look exactly like one of Sha Na Na's lead singers, Johnny Contardo.

"I'm introduced and I have no billing," Crystal says during a recent interview. "'Please welcome another star of our show and an up-and-coming new comic ...' That was the '70s. Whenever you heard 'up-and-coming new comic,' it was like 'Ugh.'

"When I hit the stage they thought I was Johnny playing a guy named Billy Crystal and they booed and they hissed and so forth. And I started getting in their face, in a funny way. And I finished my set and I got a standing ovation after I walked off.

And Johnny got a T-shirt that he would wear and it said, 'No, I'm not Billy Crystal.'"

It's been a long time since Billy Crystal has been mistaken for anyone else.



This May 13, 2013 file photo shows Billy Crystal at the annual "Backstage At The Geffen" event at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles.

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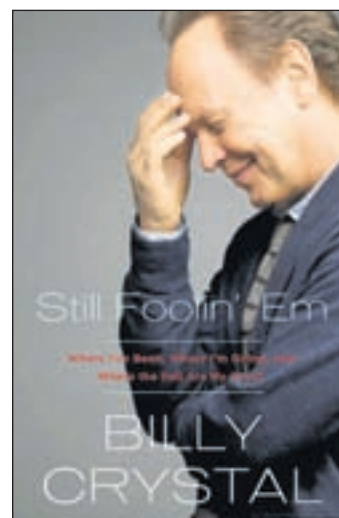
At 65, he has the same round face, scrappy New York accent and rubbery grin known to fans of "Analyze This," "When Harry Met Sally ..." and all those Oscar telecasts. Seated in his publicist's office, sipping coffee from a paper Starbucks cup, he looks at least a decade younger than his age and is working at the same pace — constant — that he's kept up for much of his life.

He's set to star in a film comedy directed by Frank Oz and this fall will return to Broadway with his one-man show about his child-

hood and his father, "700 Sundays." His whole life is on record for his current project, the memoir "Still Foolin' 'Em," which set off a million-dollar bidding war among publishers last spring that was finally won by Henry Holt and Company.

Turning 65 was all the inspiration he needed.

"All of my really dear friends who are the same age are pretty much saying the same thing, which is basically, 'Wow. Jeez. This is really happening,'" he says. "You go through stages — first day of school, 'It's a



This book cover image released by Henry Holt shows "Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys?" by Billy Crystal.

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bar mitzvah,' 'a wedding.' 'You know who died?'"

Crystal is both a typical baby boomer, baseball fan and political liberal who brags about his grandchildren and can't believe that he's a grandfather and a VIP who seems to have lived out every childhood fantasy — a star of movies, television and the stage, befriended by Muhammad Ali and Mickey Mantle, adored by Sophia Loren. During one Oscar show, Jack Nicholson and

Warren Beatty stopped by his dressing room to compliment him. Beatty and Bill Clinton turned up backstage after a performance of "700 Sundays."

He has not only palled around with Mantle, Yogi Berra and other New York Yankees, he even got to play for them.

"In 2007, I was in Costa Rica for Christmas vacation and could feel my birthday looming," Crystal writes in his memoir. "I was anxious about turning 60 — it felt like a huge number. Derek Jeter happened to be at our hotel."

Jeter "happened" to be there, and also happened to be a longtime friend who asked Crystal to make a birthday wish.

On March 13, 2008, Crystal was allowed an at-bat during a Yankees exhibition game.

"Dreams have come true for me in so many different ways that's it's almost astounding," he says. "As I was writing these things, other people reacted to them — I've lived through them, but other people say, 'Do you realize how many great things have happened?'" □

Kacey Musgraves , Taylor Swift lead CMA nominees

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Taylor Swift and Kacey Musgraves are the top nominees for the Country Music Association Awards. Swift will be going for her third entertainer of the year award and was nominated for album and female vocalist of the year as well for the Nov. 6 awards. Newcomer Musgraves also is up for awards in the album and female vocalist categories. Reigning entertainer of the year Blake Shelton is next with five nominations. His wife, Miranda Lambert, also has five nominations — three solo and two with her trio Pistol Annies. Keith Urban and Florida Georgia Line have four apiece.

Shelton and Swift are up for top honor entertainer of the year with Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan and surprise nominee George Strait, a two-time winner in the category who's being celebrated by CMA voters as he retires from touring. The nominations were announced Tuesday.

Swift's now up to 21 career CMA nominations and has two entertainer of the year awards among her seven wins, tying her with Barbara Mandrell as the lead female winner of the association's top honor.

Musgraves' rapid ascendance comes as something of a shock. The number of trophies she and Swift are up for signals something of an admission that the once

deeply conservative format is opening up to new sounds and ideas.

The 25-year-old Texas-born singer-songwriter takes on divisive topics like homosexuality on her critically acclaimed album "Same Trailer Different Park" and other issues not often heard on country radio, yet still managed to generate hits because of her smart songwriting. She's also nominated in the new artist of the year category, as a songwriter on her own hit "Merry Go 'Round" and Lambert's "Mama's Broken Heart."

Lambert and Shelton will be going for their fourth consecutive wins in the male vocalist and female vocalist categories and have a chance to again share



In this March 3, 2013 file photo, country music artist Kacey Musgraves performs at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. Musgraves and Taylor Swift top the list of final nominees for "The 47th Annual CMA Awards" with six nominations each. The awards show will be hosted for the sixth time by Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood and will be broadcast live from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Wednesday, Nov. 6 on the ABC.

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a trophy, as they did last year when their song "Over You" won song of the year. In 2013, both share nominations in the musical event and video categories with

Pistol Annies for their collaboration on Shelton's song "Boys 'Round Here."

The couple have been among the show's top winners the past three years. □

For Richer, For Poorer



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NEW YORK - It's either part of his peculiar charm or proof of its absence, depending on your feelings about him, which are surely fixed by now. But Mayor Michael Bloomberg has a way of speaking so gruffly that he causes stirs he can't have meant to. He doesn't exactly put his foot in his mouth, not all the way. Just the big toe and maybe the index one, too.

He did it again in an interview with New York magazine's Chris Smith that was published over the weekend and that belongs to a quickly expanding body of Bloomberg exit literature. I guess when you've been mayor as long and large as he has, you get much more than the standard sayonara: you get a laborious countdown, serial autopsies, a clutch of would-be successors appraising you with the kind of warmth accorded the Wicked Witch of the West. Ding-dong. Bill de Blasio is here to wipe clean the civic memory of you.

It was de Blasio who set Bloomberg off. Rather, it was de Blasio's resonant tale of two New Yorks, the wealthy one that Bloomberg is accused of coddling and the less wealthy one that he supposedly showed the back of his hand.

Bloomberg told New York magazine that de Blasio was running a "class-warfare and racist" campaign. The "racist" part was clumsy overreach. He instantly had to walk back and explain what he meant, which was that de Blasio was cynically showcasing his African-American wife and their kids for liberal cred and minority votes.

But is it any wonder that de Blasio has gotten under the mayor's skin? That the whole narrative of the Democratic primary has? It's a narrative of either-or, of winner-loser, of one group's blessings explaining and in some ways causing another group's deprivations. The truth is less callous and more complicated than that.

It is indeed the case that income inequality in New York City has worsened during the Bloomberg years, to an extent that's morally unacceptable and perhaps socially untenable. But it's also the case that the situation reflects a national trend. It isn't principally Bloomberg's doing, and it surely wasn't his intent.

To look at his signature initiatives and see only an upper-class

agenda is selective, reductive, lazy. And it assumes, in an odd and even condescending fashion, that certain improvements in New York life aren't appreciable across the whole spectrum of income.

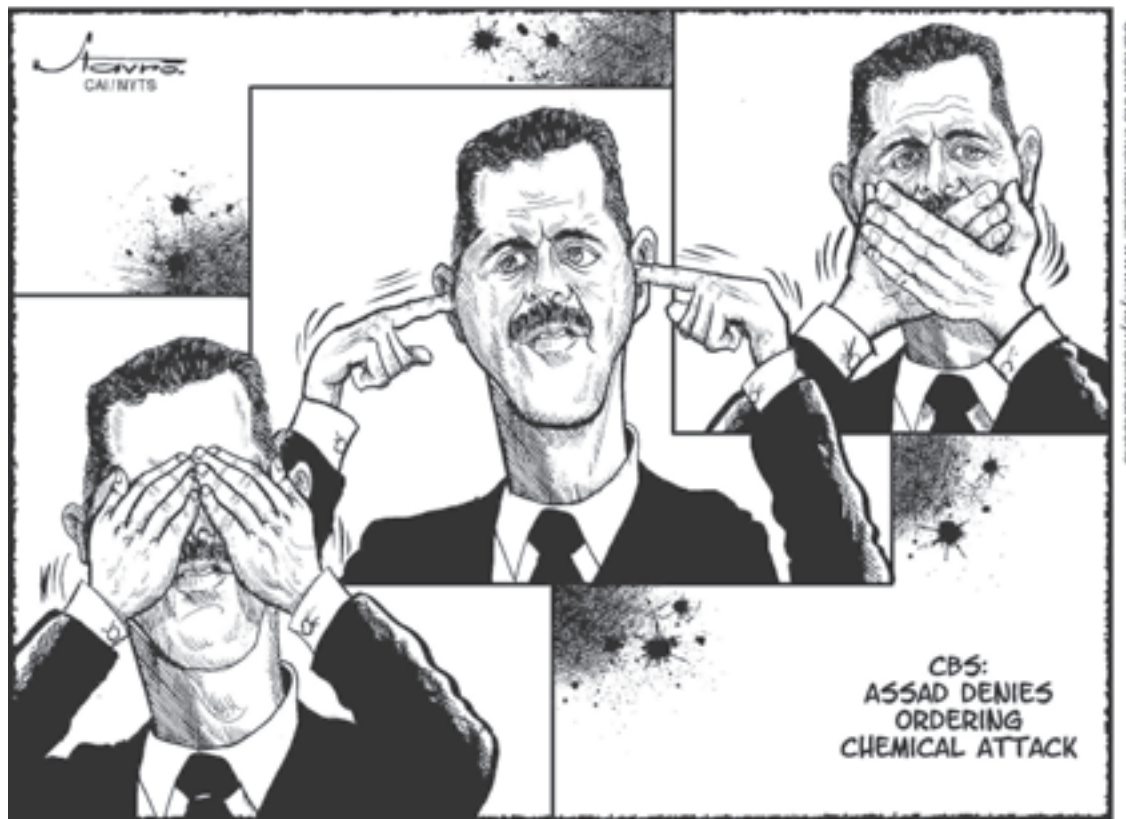
Bloomberg's remarkable greening of the city, for example, hasn't merely gilded the scenery for bigwigs zooming past it in their black Escalades or for littler wigs pedaling through it on their bikes. It has given all New Yorkers places to unwind, chances to breathe. I'm frequently in Brooklyn Bridge Park, a splendid oasis, and can tell you that it's not just a refuge for the affluent denizens of the nearby brownstones in Brooklyn Heights. The entire borough in its remarkable diversity is there. That's a big part of the park's glory.

By making smoking more difficult and expensive, Bloomberg wasn't simply improving the air in Midtown Manhattan boardrooms. He was trying to muscle New Yorkers of all stripes away from an injurious and sometimes deadly habit. While his public-health efforts may have struck some of his haters as elitist and paternalistic, their potential and actual beneficiaries include the city's less fortunate residents, whose obesity rates, for example, surpass those of the affluent. Bloomberg didn't get public schools nearly to the level that we need them to reach. And there was that whole Cathie Black fiasco. But with the help of her predecessor, Joel Klein, he seeded New York with scores of new charter schools, many of them excellent, providing tens of thousands of disadvantaged children with a caliber of education and a kind of hope they didn't have before.

The drop in crime under his watch has been remarkable - and city-wide, not just in neighborhoods with luxury high-rises. Other initiatives, like expanded tax credits, were aimed at poorer New Yorkers. Were they enough? No, but municipal government has finite resources.

Has Bloomberg worshipped at the altar of Wall Street? Yes. But then so, too, have many other politicians, from Chuck Schumer through Cory Booker, who aren't tagged with the lack of caring that is hung on the mayor, who's all too easy to caricature and to scapegoat: because he's a gazillionaire; because he has tapped that wealth to shore up support; because he has that toe-in-mouth disease, and seems at times to shrug rather than rail at how precious and exclusive so much of Manhattan and Brooklyn have become.

How much of a difference would railing make? We'll probably find out, whether de Blasio or some other candidate prevails. But while more passion about the gap between rich and poor is a virtuous thing, making Bloomberg the heavy isn't. □



Years Of Tragic Waste



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In a few days, we'll reach the fifth anniversary of the fall of Lehman Bros. - the moment when a recession, which was bad enough, turned into something much scarier. Suddenly, we were looking at the real possibility of economic catastrophe.

And the catastrophe came. Wait, you say, what catastrophe? Weren't people warning about a second Great Depression? And that didn't happen, did it? Yes, they were, and no, it didn't - although the Greeks, the Spaniards, and others might not agree about that second point. The important thing, however, is to realize that there are degrees of disaster, that you can have an immense failure of economic policy that falls short of producing total collapse. And the failure of policy these past five years has, in fact, been immense.

Some of that immensity can be measured in dollars and cents. Reasonable measures of the "output gap" over the past five years - the difference between the value of goods and services America could and should have produced and what it actually produced - run well past \$2 trillion. That's trillions of dollars of pure waste, which we will never get back.

Behind that financial waste lies an even more tragic waste of human potential. Before the financial crisis, 63 percent of adult Americans were employed; that number quickly plunged to less than 59 percent, and there it re-

mains.

How did that happen? It wasn't a mass outbreak of laziness, and right-wing claims that jobless Americans aren't trying hard enough to find work because they're living high on food stamps and unemployment benefits should be treated with the contempt they deserve. A bit of the decline in employment can be attributed to an aging population, but the rest reflects, as I said, an immense failure of economic policy.

Set aside the politics for a moment, and ask what the past five years would have looked like if the U.S. government had actually been able and willing to do what textbook macroeconomics says it should have done - namely, make a big enough push for job creation to offset the effects of the financial crunch and the housing bust, postponing fiscal austerity and tax increases until the private sector was ready to take up the slack. I've done a back-of-the-envelope calculation of what such a program would have entailed: It would have been about three times as big as the stimulus we actually got, and would have been much more focused on spending rather than tax cuts.

Would such a policy have worked? All the evidence of the past five years says yes. The Obama stimulus, inadequate as it was, stopped the economy's plunge in 2009. Europe's experiment in anti-stimulus - the harsh spending cuts imposed on debtor nations - didn't produce the promised surge in private-sector confidence. Instead, it produced severe economic contraction, just as textbook economics predicted. Government spending on job creation would, indeed, have created jobs.

But wouldn't the kind of spending program I'm suggesting have meant more debt? Yes - according to my rough calculation, at

this point federal debt held by the public would have been about \$1 trillion more than it actually is. But alarmist warnings about the dangers of modestly higher debt have proved false. Meanwhile, the economy would also have been stronger, so that the ratio of debt to GDP - the usual measure of a country's fiscal position - would have been only a few points higher. Does anyone seriously think that this difference would have provoked a fiscal crisis?

And, on the other side of the ledger, we would be a richer nation, with a brighter future - not a nation where millions of discouraged Americans have probably dropped permanently out of the labor force, where millions of young Americans have probably seen their lifetime career prospects permanently damaged, where cuts in public investment have inflicted long-term damage on our infrastructure and our educational system.

Look, I know that as a political matter an adequate job-creation program was never a real possibility. And it's not just the politicians who fell short: Many economists, instead of pointing the way toward a solution of the jobs crisis, became part of the problem, fueling exaggerated fears of inflation and debt.

Still, I think it's important to realize how badly policy failed and continues to fail. Right now, Washington seems divided between Republicans who denounce any kind of government action - who insist that all the policies and programs that mitigated the crisis actually made it worse - and Obama loyalists who insist that they did a great job because the world didn't totally melt down. Obviously, the Obama people are less wrong than the Republicans. But, by any objective standard, U.S. economic policy since Lehman has been an astonishing, horrifying failure. □



SWEET TIME TO INDULGE

A dish of lobster pasta with yellow tomatoes in David Tanis' kitchen in New York.
(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

DAVID TANIS

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What do you do when a luxury item like lobster becomes so plentiful that the usual high price comes down?

You eat more lobster.

Maine lobster populations this year are abundant, and though this means lobstermen's paychecks are suffering, home cooks' hearts gladden. Now is a good time to buy and indulge. (Many restaurants and fish markets are still charging pre-glut prices, but it is worth seeking out fishmongers whose pricing is comparable to the current low market price.)

I am a fan of just about anything you can do with a lobster. I have close friends who regularly organize a lobster feed at their kitchen table, perhaps the best way to enjoy it. It's nothing fancy. Everyone gets a huge lobster (there's melted butter, mayonnaise and crusty bread, too) and we go to town, prying every last bit of meat from the shell. It always feels decadent.

But I wouldn't turn up my

nose at a humble lobster roll, either, nor at any number of fancier, saucy preparations. Still, if forced to choose favorites, I'll ask for (or make) lobster pasta in one of two ways, depending on the season.

In cold months, I make a rich, ruddy, complex sauce flavored with roasted lobster shells, tomato and a touch of butter and cream, then toss it with wide, tender pappardelle. I had a similar pasta some years ago in Rome, at a restaurant near the Pantheon that serves nothing but stellar seafood. The entire meal was excellent, including the raw fish appetizer and the anchovy gelato (kidding!), but that pasta was unforgettable.

This time of year, however, while the weather is still fine and sweet ripe tomatoes are everywhere, I take an entirely different approach, one that's not complicated at all. Olive oil, garlic, hot pepper, barely warmed tomatoes and tons of fresh basil are the only ingredients besides lobster. And dried pasta, preferably a variety

ety with a bit of texture, like frilly edged reginette, cooked perfectly al dente. Yes, it is essentially a more sumptuous version of the always satisfying pasta aglio, olio e peperoncino, made even more so with chunks of sweet lobster. I



The ingredients for a dish of lobster pasta with yellow tomatoes. The dish, prepared with reginette, is essentially a more sumptuous version of pasta aglio, olio e peperoncino, which is pasta with garlic, oil and chile pepper.

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like to use chopped yellow tomatoes or halved golden cherry tomatoes, but there's no reason not to use other colors, or you can stick with red ones.

The only real work is cooking the lobsters and chopping the meat. Once that's

done, go out and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

LOBSTER PASTA WITH YELLOW TOMATOES AND BASIL

Time: 1 hour

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

4 lobsters, 1 1/4 pounds each, or 1 pound cooked



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lobster meat
1 pound sturdy pasta, like mafaldine, reginetti, lasagnetti, long ziti, macaroni, bucatini or rigatoncini
4 tablespoons olive oil
2 large shallots, finely diced
4 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon red pepper

flakes

2 cups chopped yellow tomato or halved yellow cherry tomatoes

Salt and pepper

2 handfuls basil leaves, torn or roughly chopped

1. If using whole lobsters, cook them in abundant boiling water for 6 minutes. Cool, remove meat from tail, claws and knuckles, and chop into 1/2-inch chunks.

2. Bring a pot of well-salted water to a boil and cook pasta.

3. Meanwhile, pour olive oil in a wide skillet over medium-high heat. Add shallots and cook for 1 minute, without browning. Add garlic and red pepper and cook for 1 minute. Add tomatoes and season generously with salt and pepper. Add lobster meat, stir to coat, cook 1 minute, then turn off heat until pasta is ready.

4. When pasta is al dente, drain, add to skillet, and season with salt and pepper. Toss well and transfer to a warmed wide bowl or platter. Add basil, toss once more and serve immediately. □